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Chief Minister Siddaramaiah called quantum technology the force that will redefine Karnataka's capabilities, during his address at Quantum India Bengaluru 2025.» Page 8

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India is a 'bright spot', says Centre amid Trump tirade

U.S. President unleashes barrage of criticism against India over Russia ties, BRICS membership; he announces infrastructure deal with Pakistan; U.S. sanctions 6 Indian firms, 5 persons for Iran trade

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan
Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

> I don't care what India does with Russia. They can take their dead economies down together, for all I care

> We are in the process of choosing the oil company that will lead this partnership [with Pakistan]. Who knows, maybe they'll be selling oil to India some day
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> **DONALD TRUMP**
> U.S. President

India and Russia could "take their dead economies down together", U.S. President Donald Trump said among a barrage of statements targeting India on Thursday, a day before the 25% tariffs announced on Indian imports by the U.S. are set to take effect.

However, countering Mr. Trump's statement, Commerce and Industries Minister Piyush Goyal said India is being seen as an economic "bright spot" in the world.

In statements on social media and then while speaking to presspersons at the White House, Mr. Trump lashed out at India for its ties with Russia, membership of the "anti-American" BRICS, high tariffs, "massive" trade deficit with the U.S., and for imposing the "most strenuous and obnoxious non-monetary trade barriers of any country".

The U.S. State Department also sanctioned six Indian companies and five Indian nationals for involvement in energy trade with Iran.

Deal with Pakistan

Mr. Trump also announced that the U.S. and Pakistan had concluded a deal whereby the two countries will work together on "developing their massive oil reserves", in continuation with the U.S.'s growing closeness with Pakistan over trade issues in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack and Operation Sindoor.

The Ministry of External Affairs declined to comment on Mr. Trump's remarks about the sanctions as well as Pakistan, and directed attention to the Commerce Ministry statements.

The U.S. is expected to start levying duties as part of its 'Liberation Day' tariffs on imports from countries around the world from Friday.

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Malegaon blast: special NIA court acquits all 7 accused

Purnima Sah
MUMBAI

Former BJP MP Pragya Singh Thakur, an accused in the case, on her way to a court in Mumbai on Thursday. PTI

Almost 17 years after a bomb blast killed six people in the Maharashtra town of Malegaon, a special court acquitted all seven accused, including former BJP MP Pragya Singh Thakur and Lieutenant Colonel Prasad Shrikant Purohit, saying that the prosecution had failed to prove its case.

"Upon comprehensive evaluation, the prosecution has failed to bring any cogent evidence, and the evidence is riddled with inconsistencies, therefore, the court has to extend the benefit of doubt to all accused," Special Judge A.K. Lahoti said, delivering the verdict in the special National Investigation Agency (NIA) court in Mumbai on Thursday. "Terrorism has no religion as no religion advocates violence. Judgments cannot be based on morals and public perception," the court added.

Justice Lahoti said that the prosecution had failed to prove that the bike on which the bomb was allegedly strapped belonged to Ms. Thakur. "Serial number of the two-wheeler's chassis was not completely recovered by the forensic experts and, therefore, the prosecution failed to prove that Pragya Thakur was the owner of the two-wheeler in question," he said, noting that Ms. Thakur had turned into a *'sanyasi'* and left behind all material belongings two years before the blast took place, "There is no cogent material against her or any other accused in the case," he said.

The other accused in the case are Ramesh Upadhyay, Sameer Kulkarni, Ajay Rahirkar, Sudhakar Dwivedi, and Sudhakar Chaturvedi.

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Dharmasthala mass burial case: Some skeletal remains found at sixth site

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

Members of the SIT team at site no. 6 in Dharmasthala where some skeletal remains were found on Thursday.

After two days of excavation at five spots in Dharmasthala failed to yield any results, the Special Investigation Team (SIT) recovered some skeletal remains, said to be that of a man, from the sixth spot that was dug up on Thursday.

The SIT officials said 15 bones were discovered and no skull was found at the sixth site; a few of these bones were broken.

The forensic expert at the spot opined that the bones were *prima facie* of a male. A final opinion would be given only after a forensic examination, SIT officials said.

Forensic experts and the scene-of-crime officers seized the body parts after noting down the details, including the location and the way the parts were found. Stella Verghese, Assistant Commissioner, Puttur sub-division, was present at the spot.

The complainant is a former sanitation worker, who had given a statement to SIT about burial of over 100 bodies between 1995 and 2014. On July 28, the SIT took the complainant to the bathing ghat in Dharmasthala where he listed 13 alleged burial sit

The process of digging up the sites started on July 29. A total of five sites were dug up till July 30; however, human remains were not found. The digging at the sixth site, which is in the forest area and close to Netravati river, commenced on Thursday (July 31) morning.

While digging at the first site, the SIT found the debit card of a woman and the PAN card of a man. The investigation team tracked down the family of the man whose PAN card was discovered.

The man, Suresh, hailing from Nelamangala taluk in Bengaluru Rural district, died of jaundice in March 2025 at his native village and the last rites were conducted there.

The SIT visited his house and the father of the deceased confirmed that the PAN card was his son's. The deceased was an alcoholic, SIT officials said. They suspect that he may have lost the PAN card when he visited Dharmasthala before his death.

The debit card too was verified and it belonged to Suresh's mother. "She is alive and well," said a source.

13-year-old schoolboy kidnapped, murdered

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 13-year-old schoolboy was allegedly murdered hours after being kidnapped while he was returning home from tuition classes in Hulimavu, on Thursday. The police found the charred body of the boy at an isolated place in Bannerghatta.

The victim, identified as Nischith, left home on Wednesday evening to attend tuition classes, but did not return. His father called the tuition centre to be informed that the boy left for home.

After searching for a few hours, they found his bicycle abandoned near a park and alerted the police. According to the police, the parents got a ransom call demanding ₹5 lakh.

While the police were searching for the boy and the kidnappers and the parents were waiting to deliver the cash to the kidnappers, the police got information about the charred body of a boy off Bannerghatta Road.

The police rushed to the spot and identified the victim. The police suspect that the kidnappers on realising that the parents had complained to the police and fearing that they would be identified, allegedly decided to kill the boy.

Stampede: Suspended officers given postings

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Hours after Director-General of Prisons and Correctional Services Malini Krishnamurthy retired on Thursday, the State government appointed B. Dayananda, formerly Bengaluru City Commissioner, to head the Prisons Department with a downgraded post.

Mr. Dayananda, who is Additional Director-General of Prisons and Correctional services, was among five police officers suspended following a stampede at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium that killed 11 people on June 4. However, the suspension of four of the five officers was revoked earlier this week.

The government on Thursday revoked the suspension of Vikash Kumar Vikash and posted him as Inspector-General of Police, Internal security Division. The government also posted Shekhar H.T. as Superintendent of Police, Intelligence, Bengaluru, to the vacant post.

However, Cubbon Park Sub Division ACP C. Balakrishna and Inspector A.K. Girish, who were also reinstated, are yet to get posting.

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Could Amanjot be the missing piece in India's white-ball puzzle?

For a team long searching for balance and genuine all-rounders, the 24-year-old from Chandigarh might be the answer; she was one of the positives for the Women in Blue during their double series triumph in the Old Blighty

M. Rupa Rasagna

When the lights are at their brightest, the Indian women's cricket team has always danced on the edge of glory. Sometimes it managed to withstand intense pressure without a scratch, and at other times it found itself in quicksand. At Lord's in 2017, it was a partnership away from the trophy. Similar stories made headlines in 2014, 2016, 2020, and, more recently, in 2024 as well.

While setbacks are the testament of sporting events, they also offer a mirror for self-reflection and introspection. Countless deep dives into India's losses often pointed to a deficiency in depth. Too often, the burden of taking the team home rested on the shoulders of just a few.

The Indian team of the present operates in the age of all-rounders. Look at Australia's stacked multi-skilled player piles. From Ellyse Perry to Annabel Sutherland, these women not only contribute across departments but also have the nerve to tilt games favourably.

Nagging issue

For India, this has been a nagging issue. The setup has, for a long time, struggled to flood the team with players who can strike with the ball and score valuable runs, and, most importantly, do so consistently.

Among the several other positives in India's recent white-ball series win against England was the emergence of one such all-rounder who could hold the key to the balance issues the India XI faces – Amanjot Kaur.

Born in Chandigarh, the country's powerhouse for hockey players, the 25-year-old chose to ditch tradition to pursue her calling. Her cricketing journey began early, when she played the game in the streets with older boys from the neighbourhood. Her father, a carpenter by profession, was hesitant to let her play cricket. It was Amanjot's grandmother who took her to practice every day.

"My grandmother was very supportive. She used to accompany me to the ground and wait by the bench," she said in an interview with Anjum Chopra.

Not long after seeing Amanjot's immense interest in the sport, her father came around and drove her to the academy every day, sometimes even waiting on the sidelines while she practised in the chilling winters of Chandigarh.

She trained under Nagesh Gupta at the Government Model Senior Secondary School, Chandigarh, from the age of 15. That proved pivotal for Amanjot as it was Nagesh who promoted her development as a batter.

She shuttled between Chandigarh and Punjab in her teenage years, eventually making her debut for the latter in the 2017-2018 season. Following that, she shifted to the former for the 2019-2020 campaign before making her way back to Punjab for the 2022-2023 season to challenge herself in a squad that featured India internationals like Harmanpreet Kaur and Taniya Bhatia.

GETTY IMAGES

Amanjot proved that she was very much up to the task, emerging as Punjab's top run-getter in the senior women's T20 tournament, with 192 runs in six innings at a strike rate of 105.49.

The opportunity to make a case for herself as a conventional batter came against Himachal, when she opened the innings for Punjab and made her mark.

"Being an all-rounder is bliss for me. If batting doesn't go well, then while I'm bowling, I have six balls to prove. Even if two balls go for six, there are still four more balls," she said.

She earned her national call-up in 2023, making her debut in the first match of the tri-series against South Africa in East London. She seized the day with her batting prowess, leaving an immediate mark by scoring an unbeaten 41 (30 balls) while batting at no. 7.

It was a time when players worldwide were giving their final auditions to make the national squads for the T20 World Cup in South Africa. Amanjot was practical and focused on each day as it came.

She scored an unbeaten 41 in 30 balls, the second-highest score in women's cricket for India on T20I debut. Amanjot helped India get a fairly decent 147 for the loss of six wickets on the board, heartening given India lost three early wickets.

Since then, Amanjot has featured in nine T20Is and 16 WODIs, happy to float around the batting order and eager to prove that she is also a bowler who can make an impact in any phase of the game. That she was handy in the field - another Achilles heel for India - only added to her utility.

In the recently concluded T20I series against England, she smashed 63 n.o. off 40 balls while batting at no. 5, including five fours and two sixes at a strike rate of 157. While it was just one match where she displayed her batting aggression, her style is headlined by precise calculation and phlegmatic temperament.

In the second T20I at Bristol, Amanjot, contrary to the previous games where she toggled between no. 6 and no. 7, came in at no. 5 when India was reeling at 35 for three. She took the attack to the English bowlers, smashing three fours off Sophie Ecclestone. Amanjot stitched crucial partnerships with Richa Ghosh and saw India through to 181 for four.

Amanjot's value lies in her adaptability. She can be cautious and steady or aggressive, as required. Her fluency with the bat allows India the luxury of solidity in a shaky middle order.

The genuine all-rounder justifies her title further with her right-arm medium pace bowling during the middle overs to stifle the scores and break partnerships. But Amanjot in the England series has a commendable batting record that stood better than her bowling figures, barring her ODI debut against Bangladesh in 2023, when she added four wickets for 31 runs in her spell.

In Pooja Vastrakar's absence, Amanjot has emerged as someone who could fill in with bat and ball.

Similarities

While she is still in the early years of her career and Perry, on the contrary, is an established player, there are similarities between the two that make Amanjot the answer to India's quest for someone like the Australian, who can add the necessary depth and provide a strong middle order in the line-up. But the echoes of one of the greatest all-rounders in recent ages come alive a little every time Amanjot dons the role of both a batter and a bowler, and does so with grace.

While Amanjot might not yet have numbers to make the headlines at the moment, every once in a while, when a new player emerges, the skill of the mind and the body ought to be identified, trained and appreciated at the dawn of their career.

And the comparisons to Perry? It might seem lofty now. But if Amanjot keeps her pace, maybe, just maybe, there will come a day when we will ask, "Could she be the next Perry?"

Amanjot's journey

BATTING					
ODIs	Inns	Runs	HS	SR	50s
Overall	9	98	20 n.o.	69.50	0
England series	1	20	20 n.o.	142.85	0
T20Is	Inns	Runs	HS	SR	50s
Overall	11	164	63 n.o.	133.33	1
England series	4	75	63 n.o.	153.06	1
WPL	18	209	42	127.43	0
BOWLING					
ODIs	Inns	Wkts	BB	Econ	4W
Overall	9	13	4/31	5.82	1
England series	1	1	1/58	5.80	0
T20Is	Inns	Wkts	BB	Econ	4W
Overall	12	7	2/25	7.55	0
England series	4	3	1/20	7.76	0
WPL	13	5	3/22	7.63	0

THE GIST

- Even though Amanjot initially started as a bowler, during a match against Himachal when her team's wicketkeeper was injured, she jumped on that opportunity to open for Punjab
- In Pooja's absence, she has emerged as someone who could fill in with both bat and ball
- Playing alongside skipper Harmanpreet for Mumbai Indians in the WPL has been the springboard

Woman booked for killing daughter, attempting to end life

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Byadarahalli police have registered a case against a 26-year-old woman who, following a fight with her husband, allegedly fed her daughter rat poison before consuming it herself at her house on Thursday.

The accused, identified as Chandrika, was married to Lokesh, 41, a garment factory worker. The couple was living with their 1 year eight-month-old daughter, Charvi, while their six-year-old son stays with his grandmother in Koratagere.

Lokesh, in his statement to the police, said that Chandrika used to stay at home to look after the baby, and they couple reportedly would quarrel constantly over money and other domestic issues.

On Thursday, following a fight with Lokesh, the accused reportedly fed rat poison to Charvi and later consumed it herself, before informing her husband about it. Though both were rushed to a nearby hospital, Charvi succumber while Chandrika is is said to be out of danger. The Byadarahalli police have booked Chandrika and are waiting for her recovery to question.

(If you are in distress or having suicidal tendencies, please reach out to these 24/7 helplines: KIRAN at 1800-599-0019 or Arogya Sahayavani at 104 for help.)

Influencer detained

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Cubbon Park police detained social media influencer Younes Zarou at Church Street after the announcement of his visit led to a huge turnout, allegedly without due permission, on Wednesday.

Zarou, who has over 2.1 crore followers, had announced on his social media account,"Church Street we are coming."Police rushed to the spot and took him away.

The police reportedly advised him not to initiate any social media campaign, without permission, which could trigger concerns about public safety.

He later put out a post: "I survived I am fine .. Bengaluru is not for beginners ..thanks to police chief without him I think I would be somewhere else now".

Seven lakes in city set for revival

Civic groups raise concerns about possible oversights that could harm the ecological balance of waterbodies and undermine rejuvenation efforts

Chetan B.C.
BENGALURU

Rejuvenation works under way at Carmelaram Lake in Bengaluru. Activists have pointed out that lake rejuvenation tends to be human-centric, focusing on beautification and recreation rather than ecological purpose. ALLEN EGENUSE J.

Seven lakes in Bengaluru may finally be brought to life by November, as the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is currently in the final stages of their rejuvenation, according to a progress report reviewed by *The Hindu*.

However, environmental activists and civic volunteers have raised concerns about possible oversights that could harm the ecological balance of these waterbodies and undermine years of rejuvenation efforts.

The lakes approaching completion include Kacharakanahalli Lake, Hulimavu Lake, Doddabidarakallu Lake, Gunjur Mouji Lake, Carmalaram Lake, Hoodi Giddanakere, and Vengaiahnakere (K.R. Puram Lake).

Vijaykumar Haridas, Chief Engineer, Lakes, confirmed that these projects will be completed by November or by December. Except for Kacharakanahalli Lake, rejuvenation works of most lakes are nearly finished, with only minor works like pedestrian pathways and fencing remaining, he said. After rejuvenation, all seven lakes will fall under Category D - water quality fit for wildlife and fisheries.

Spanning over 240 acres collectively, these lakes have faced significant delays, some extending across five monsoons. Community groups, which have been advocating for their revival for years, now hope to see ecological restoration, including the return of nesting birds and revival of fisheries.

Expectations

Mithan Subbiah, lead volunteer at Hulimavu Kere Taranga, noted that nearly 140 bird species have been spotted at Hulimavu Kere, a 100-acre lake excluding encroachments, according to data from eBird.

Activists have pointed out that lake rejuvenation tends to be human-centric, focusing on beautification and recreation rather than ecological purpose. Ironically, they say, even this approach is often inconsistently executed. For example, work on Hulimavu Kere only accelerated after the area experienced severe flooding, attracting public attention and criticism of BBMP.

V. Ramprasad, of Friends of Lakes, emphasised that proper rejuvenation should meet three main objectives: improving groundwater, facilitating rainwater harvesting, and flood mitigation.

"Several lakes lack sluice gates and sewage treatment plants, which hampers these goals and reduces the work to beautification," he said. He stressed that lakes should only be considered rejuvenated if they are managed under proper Standard Operating Procedures and meet BIS 17663 standards.

Concerns on the ground

Zibi Jamal, a volunteer at Whitefield Rising, expressed relief as the Hoodi Giddanakere lake is finally nearing completion. However, she urged the BBMP to ensure there are no oversights while appreciating their efforts so far.

Vijaykumar Haridas, Chief Engineer, Lakes, says that these projects will be completed by November or December

"Recent reports of algal blooms in rejuvenated lakes across the city are concerning. The contractor for this project must ensure there are no scientific lapses in the rejuvenation process that could lead to algal blooms or other environmental issues," Ms. Jamal said.

Meanwhile, Hulimavu Kere, the largest among the seven lakes, faces issues of open defecation in surrounding areas. Ms. Subbiah believes proper fencing on specific sides of the lake is needed.

Mr. Ramprasad pointed out extensive encroachments at Kacharakanahalli Lake. As per 1976 records, the lake originally covered 56 acres, but only 16 acres remained when rejuvenation began.

Nithya, the executive engineer overseeing the project, said that some encroachments, including a private sports complex and slum board structures, have been cleared, increasing the lake area to 22 acres. BBMP is coordinating with the Slum Development Board to recover more land.

According to official data, 435 huts, housing around 1,600 people, are situated in the encroached area.

Ashok D.R., Commissioner of the Karnataka Slum Development Board, said these families will be rehabilitated to government housing in Bidarahalli, built by the Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation. BBMP will cover 70% of the cost of the new housing.

20 more

In addition to these seven lakes, BBMP is also rejuvenating over 20 more lakes with a budget of ₹50 crore. Another ₹65 crore, allocated under the National Disaster Mitigation Fund (NDMF), will be used to rejuvenate seven additional lakes: Hebbal, Nagawara, Sompura, Chikkabellandur, Arekere, Halsur, and Kalkere lakes.

Six held for stealing in crowded buses

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The police have arrested six persons from Andhra Pradesh in connection with a mobile theft in a moving bus in Electronics City and recovered 70 mobile phones, a car and motorcycle worth ₹25 lakh from them.

The accused have been identified as Naganuri Kumar, 20, Sagar Sannakki, 32, Shivakumar, 30, Guddu Sab, 36, Halappa, 29, and Shivashankar, 20.

According to the police, the accused, posing as passengers, used to create a fake rush while getting into the bus to pick mobile phones. The accused would pass the mobile phone to one of their associates, who would slip out and join the gang following the bus in a car or motorcycle.

The police zeroed in on the accused based on their physical description using the CCTV camera footage.

The police arrested the accused three days later while they were waiting at the Hosur Road bus stop.

Auto fare hike effective from today; meters to be updated by October 31

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The revised autorickshaw fares will take effect from Friday in the city as per the new fare structure announced by the Transport Department on July 14. The department has issued a directive instructing all autorickshaws operating within Bengaluru to recalibrate their meters to reflect the updated rates by October 31.

Under the new fare structure, the base fare for the first two kilometres has been revised from ₹30 to ₹36. Following this, the per-kilometre rate has been increased from ₹15 to ₹18.

To facilitate a smooth transition, the Transport Department has mandated that all fare meters must be reconfigured and officially certified by the Legal Metrology Department before the deadline. In a special arrangement to speed up the process, all Legal Metrology inspectors stationed in the city, excluding those in the Investigation Wing, have been tasked exclusively with verifying and stamping autorickshaws within Bengaluru limits, regardless of their usual zones of operation. This temporary measure will remain in place until October 31, after which regular jurisdiction-based inspections will resume, the order clarified.

Regarding waiting time, commuters will not be charged for the first five minutes. Thereafter, a fee of ₹10 will be imposed for every 15 minutes of wait time.

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Woman duped of ₹15 lakh by Instagram 'friend' posing as pilot

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 29-year-old living in Marathahalli was conned of ₹15.6 lakh by a man posing as a pilot from the U.K. after luring her with expensive gifts.

The victim, working for a private firm, connected with the conman on social media on July 7.

The accused introduced himself as Daniel Williams, claiming to be a pilot in the U.K.

The duo exchanged numbers and chatted for a few days before Daniel informed her that he was flying to Dubai and sending her a gift. The victim shared her postal address after Daniel said he would courier the gift. He confirmed booking the gift and shared a link to track the parcel.

The next day, she got a call from a woman identifying herself as "Anitha from Alpha excise courier service" informing her that there is a parcel in her name, which included money, and asked her to pay ₹4.8 lakh towards the Customs fee. She also assured her that the money would be refunded once she received the parcel. Following this, the victim transferred a total of ₹12,15,000 and ₹90,500 to two different bank accounts. The next day, she received another call, the caller claimed to be from "Royal Bank of Scotland, Delhi," asking her to transfer ₹2 lakh more towards "transfer fee." After receiving the money, both went out of reach.

After futile attempts to reach them, she realised that she had been cheated and approached the police on Tuesday.

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1	ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಅನುದಾನದಲ್ಲಿ	Restoration Of Potholes Of Roads And Circles In Raichur Within City Corporation Limits Estimate Cost Rs.99,00,000/-	–	DMA/2025-26/RD/ WORK_INDENT46240
2	2023–24 15ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು	A Laying UGD Pipe line from Narasihmalu House to Kurubara Sharana Basava House at Maktalpet at Ward No.25 B Laying UGD Pipe line from Chintala Gunta House Via tayamma temple and N Anjaneya Reddy House to G.Venkatesh House at Ward No 27 C Laying UGD Pipe line near Mazid-E-Aliya in Auto Nagar Ward No-32 in Raichur City **Estimate Cost Rs.33,04,000/-**	ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ-IIA	DMA/2025-26/WS/ WORK_INDENT46187
3	2021–22 15ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು	Construction of Sump to Supply Water to Drinking Water OHT Tank in Bijangera Road Ward No 18 in Raichur City **Estimate Cost Rs.25,00,000/-**	ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗ	DMA/2025-26/BD/ WORK_INDENT46192
4	2023–24 15ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು	A Providing Chainlink Fencing and Sinking of Borewell and Providing Pipe Line to Garden Near Mallikarjun Layout Ward No 02 B Supplying Installation of Highmast Light Providing Chainlink Fencing and Interlock Pavers in Water Tank Garden at Jyothi Colony in Ward No 03 **Estimate Cost Rs.24,00,000/-**	ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗ	DMA/2025-26/BD/ WORK_INDENT46201
5	2022–23 15ನೇಹಣಕಾಸು & ಮ.ನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ನಿಧಿ	Proposed Construction of RO Plant Near at Garden Nijalingappa Colony OHT Tank Ward No 05 in Raichur City **Estimate Cost Rs.11,33,000/-**	ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗ	DMA/2025-26/OW/ WORK_INDENT46200
6	2024–25 ಎಸ್.ಎಫ್.ಸಿ (ಕು.ನೀ)ಅನುದಾನ	Sinking of Borewell and Fixing of Cistern at Shri Amba Bhavani Temple Near Nandi Park in Raichur City **Estimate Cost Rs.2,36,000/-**	ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗ	DMA/2025-26/OW/ WORK_INDENT46364
7	2025–26 ಎಸ್.ಎಫ್.ಸಿ ಎಸ್.ಸಿ.ಎಸ್.ಪಿ ಅನುದಾನ	Construction of CC Road From Krishna Nayak House to Veeresh nayaka House Tayappa House to Sudharshan House Police Nagappa Nayak House ,Taapur Tayamma Nayaka House to Thirupathi Venkatesh house at Ward no 34 in Raichur City **Estimate Cost Rs.7,87,000/-**	ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗ	DMA/2025-26/RD/ WORK_INDENT46231
8	2024–25 ಎಸ್.ಎಫ್.ಸಿ (ಕು.ನೀ)ಅನುದಾನ	Sinking of Borewell Construction of Cistern Near Shri Amba Bhavani Temple Near Khasabavi in Raichur City. **Estimate Cost Rs.2,36,000/-**	ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ-IIA	DMA/2025-26/WS/ WORK_INDENT46236
9	2025–26 ಎಸ್.ಎಫ್.ಸಿ ಎಸ್.ಸಿ.ಎಸ್.ಪಿ ಅನುದಾನ	Construction Of RCC Drain in Ward no 34 From Nagesh House to Nagaraja House In Raichur City. **Estimate Cost Rs.10,38,000/-**	ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗ	DMA/2025-26/OW/ WORK_INDENT46238
10	2025–26 ಎಸ್.ಎಫ್.ಸಿ ಟಿ.ಎಸ್.ಪಿ ಅನುದಾನ	Construction of RCC Drain in Ward no 34 From Babayya Tata Daraga to Rangappa Nayak House and Rajendra house to Nagappa House and Sinking of Borewell at Shri Maremma Temple In Raichur City **Estimate Cost Rs.8,53,000/-**	ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗ	DMA/2025-26/OW/ WORK_INDENT46359
11	2025–26 ಎಸ್.ಎಫ್.ಸಿ ಎಸ್.ಸಿ.ಎಸ್.ಪಿ ಶೇ.5%	Construction of Ramp at Raichur City Corporation Office (OLD DC OFFICE) in Raichur City. **Estimate Cost Rs.1,60,000/-**	ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗ	DMA/2025-26/BD/ WORK_INDENT46350
12	2021–22 15ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು	Estimate for RCC Ground Level Surface Reservoir at Ganga Nivas in Ward No 09 at Raichur City **Estimate Cost Rs.30,00,000/-**	ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ (ಎಸ್.ಸಿ)	DMA/2025-26/BD/ WORK_INDENT46202

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Malaria's new frontlines: vaccines, innovation, and the Indian endgame

India's malaria story is no longer one of uniform burden — it's a fight against hidden reservoirs, remote geographies, and a parasite that won't quit. Elimination by 2030 is not just a goal — it's a test of whether science, policy, and public health can unite to defeat an ancient foe

Anirban Mukhopadhyay

In 2023, malaria infected nearly 294 million people and killed close to 6,00,000. Despite early victories in the fight against malaria, global progress has stalled in recent years. The parasites are adapting, becoming resistant to treatments, while mosquitoes are surviving insecticides.

India has reduced its malaria burden by over 80% between 2015 and 2023 – but last year, tribal districts such as Lawngtlai (Mizoram) and Narayanpur (Chhattisgarh) still recorded malaria rates of over 56 and 22 cases per 1,000 people, respectively as per the National Centre for Vector Borne Diseases Control – reminders that the parasite continues to thrive in several pockets long after national averages have improved.

While Africa faces mostly *Plasmodium falciparum*, India also battles the relapse-prone *Plasmodium vivax* which can lie dormant in the liver and reawaken weeks or, even months later. In Jharkhand, mixed infections account for nearly 20% of cases (NCVBDC), complicating elimination. Even where incidence has dropped, the parasite can persist – lurking in asymptomatic carriers (people with no symptoms) or returning months after infection.

The search for smarter, longer-lasting vaccines has never been more urgent.

After decades of setbacks, the first approved malaria vaccine – RTS,S – arrived in 2021. It offered about 55% protection in the first year, but efficacy waned by 18 months, requiring a fourth booster dose.

The R21/Matrix-M vaccine, developed by Oxford and the Serum Institute, showed up to 77% efficacy in Phase 3 trials winning World Health Organization (WHO) approval in 2023. Fewer doses, low cost, and Indian production make it especially promising.

Still, both vaccines target only one stage of the parasite, leaving reinfection and transmission a lingering threat.

Instead of targeting a single protein, like in RTS,S and R21, whole-parasite vaccines expose the immune system to the entire malaria parasite – alive, but weakened. The experimental PfSPZ vaccine mimics natural infection using radiation-weakened *P. falciparum* sporozoite (the parasite's early-stage form) delivered directly into the bloodstream. Early studies showed that 96% of participants developed strong antibodies, with up to 79% protection after the third dose.

Building on that foundation, a modified version called PfSPZ-LARC2, developed by Sanaria, may push efficacy even further. The simplicity of a one-dose regimen, despite the intravenous requirement, could make it a strong candidate for targeted use in outbreak zones or among hard-to-reach migrant populations in India.

Unlike vaccines that target the parasite's earlier stage, PfRH5 acts during the blood stage, when symptoms appear and the risk of severe illness increases. Since RH5 is a vital protein for red blood cell invasion that the parasite can't easily alter, it offers cross-strain protection – a rare asset in malaria vaccine design. Phase 1a/b and Phase 2b trials in the U.K., The Gambia, and Burkina Faso have shown promising outcomes. These vaccines could complement earlier-stage ones and may help boost natural immunity in people who've previously had malaria.

Transmission-blocking vaccines

While the above vaccines aim at protecting individuals, transmission-blocking vaccines (TBVs) target the parasite in the mosquito – halting its spread at the population level. Pfs230D1 induces antibodies that prevent parasite fertilisation within the mosquito gut. In Mali, it reduced transmission by 78% in a Phase 2 trial.

This strategy is especially relevant to India with a far higher proportion of asymptomatic carriers. "Our group and others in India are actively working on TBVs to address this reservoir," said Agam P. Singh, scientist at the National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi.

Slow progress: Commuters moving through smoke during an anti-malaria fumigation drive. Despite early victories in the fight against malaria, global progress has stalled in recent years. R.V. MOORTHY

India, too, is entering the TBV space with its own candidates. In July 2025, AdFalciVax was announced by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the country's first indigenous dual-stage malaria vaccine. Unlike single-phase vaccines, it combines pre-erythrocytic (PfCSP) and transmission-blocking (Pfs230 and Pfs48/45) antigens to both prevent infection and block mosquito transmission. "AdFalciVax has completed preclinical testing," said Subhash Singh, who leads the programme at ICMR-RMRC, Bhubaneswar.

In mice, it triggered strong immune responses lasting over four months – roughly equivalent to a decade in humans – and remained stable at room temperature for nine months, potentially aiding rural deployment.

Progress is also visible beyond *P. falciparum*. A first-in-human trial in Thailand showed that the *P. vivax* TBV Pvs230D1M reduced mosquito transmission by up to 96%, another ray of light for India's mixed-species numbers. India, too, is not far behind. "A similar research programme for *P. vivax* is underway, in collaboration with AdFalciVax co-inventors Sanghamitra Pati and Sushil Singh," said Dr. Singh.

Boosting immune power

Strengthening the immune response itself is another active front. A recent protein-based vaccine combined a ferritin nanoparticle with CpG – a type of adjuvant, or immune booster already used in hepatitis B vaccines – and cut liver-stage parasite burden by 95% in mice.

AdFalciVax showed over 90% protection in mice even with alum, a mild and widely used adjuvant. "We saw protection on a par with more inflammatory adjuvants such as MPLA (a stronger adjuvant)," said Dr. Singh. "Whether this holds in humans remains to be seen."

Scientists are also testing newer vaccine platforms such as mRNA, which allow vaccines to be made faster and tweaked more easily than protein-based ones. In 2025, researchers at CureVac and the U.S. National Institute of Health (NIH) encoded the Pfs25 antigen – targeting the parasite's sexual stage – into an mRNA-lipid nanoparticle. They observed complete transmission blockage in mice, with antibodies lasting over six months from just two doses.

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>
> **SUBHASH SINGH**
> Programme lead ICMR-RMRC

However, not all mRNA-based vaccine efforts are moving ahead smoothly. In early 2025, BioNTech's Phase I/IIa trial for its blood-stage mRNA vaccine candidate BNT165e was placed on clinical hold by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). While the company did not disclose the reason, it noted that discussions with regulators are ongoing. The pause highlights the hurdles of translating mRNA platforms into malaria vaccines.

"mRNA and nanoparticle platforms can certainly be explored – alone or in combination," said Pawan Malhotra, emeritus scientist at the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), New Delhi. "But it's hard to predict what will work. Plasmodium is complex, unlike bacteria or viruses."

Beyond boosting the strength of the immune response, scientists are also exploring how to improve its aim – modifying malaria antigens to help the body recognise the parasite more efficiently. A new experimental vaccine links PfCSP – a surface protein from the malaria parasite – to MIP3α, a molecule that acts like a flare to draw in immune cells. In mice, it triggered stronger antibody and T cell responses than standard mRNA vaccines, reducing liver-stage infection by up to 88%. It hasn't yet been tested in humans, but it shows how tweaking the immune response could push malaria vaccines past current limits.

Beyond vaccines, researchers are exploring how malaria hides from our immune system. *P. falciparum* uses RIFIN proteins to bind to immune 'off switches' like the LILRB1 receptor, shutting down immune cells.

It is a tactic that helps the parasite hide in plain sight.

A new study describes an experimental, engineered antibody, D1D2.v-IgG, designed to block this interaction. Built from a segment of the LILRB1 receptor, the antibody binds to RIFIN 110 times more strongly than the natural version – outcompeting the parasite at its own game. By blocking this interference, it freed the body's LILRB1 to function normally, restoring immune attack in lab tests. Though still untested in animals, the approach could one day support new malaria therapies or enhance vaccine responses.

While engineered antibodies attack the parasite, CRISPR-based gene drives go after its vector. These tools insert fertility-disrupting genes into mosquitoes. In a landmark study, this approach wiped out entire *Anopheles gambiae* colonies within a year – with no resistance detected.

But evolution rarely plays along. In the wild, mosquitoes might adapt, ecosystems could shift, and once released, gene drives can't be recalled. The idea of eradicating a species raises thorny ethical and ecological questions.

So, researchers are exploring subtler strategies. One 2025 study edited a single letter in the FREP1 gene, blocking the malaria parasite from developing inside the mosquito. With a gene drive, this parasite-blocking trait spread to over 90% of lab mosquitoes in ten generations – without harming their fertility or survival. But the parasite remains under pressure to evolve around the block, and infected mosquitoes still live long enough to potentially transmit malaria if the trait doesn't saturate the population.

Another team took a different route – engineering mosquitoes to die sooner only when infected. By disabling an immune gene, they created a self-limiting feedback loop: the more malaria spreads, the more it kills its own carriers.

Challenges and the path ahead

India aims at eliminating malaria by 2030. It's an ambitious plan – but one that hinges on precision and persistence.

"*P. cynomolgi* – a monkey malaria species – is the best model for *P. vivax* research," said Dr. Malhotra. "We were developing it 20 years ago with the Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI), but strict monkey access laws and lack of scientific foresight stalled it."

Despite these challenges in *vivax* research, efforts to develop a vaccine are gaining ground. Both Dr. Subhash Singh at ICMR and Dr. Agam P. Singh at NII confirm that *P. vivax* vaccine candidates are under active development.

But even the most innovative science needs systems to carry it forward.

"We need a COVID-style push," said Dr. Malhotra. The science is advancing – but it needs infrastructure and political will to match. Dr. Singh echoes the sentiment. "We are now concentrating on translating AdFalciVax's promising preclinical results into trials. Successful deployment however, will require good results over multiple stages of trials as well as regulatory approvals, likely taking at least 7-8 years." In addition, strong coordination between regulators, industry, and researchers is needed. The ICMR has already floated an Expression of Interest seeking industrial partners to co-develop the vaccine. "Challenges that need to be addressed include producing GMP-grade components, developing immune biomarkers, and benchmarking efficacy against RTS,S and R21," added Dr. Singh.

"We definitely need vaccines, antibodies, new drugs – for both *P. falciparum* and *P. vivax*," said Dr. Malhotra. "But that's not enough. Doctors need training, resistance must be tracked, and vector control has to keep pace." It must be a full-spectrum battle – from the molecular level to the community clinic.

India's malaria story is no longer one of uniform burden – it's a fight against hidden reservoirs, remote geographies, and a parasite that won't quit. With next-gen vaccines, homegrown innovation, and growing scientific momentum, the country stands at a critical juncture. Elimination by 2030 is not just a goal – it's a test of whether science, policy, and public health can unite to defeat an ancient foe.

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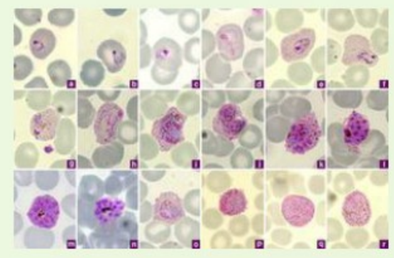

Photomicrographs of *Plasmodium vivax* in Giemsa-stained thin blood films. WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

THE GIST

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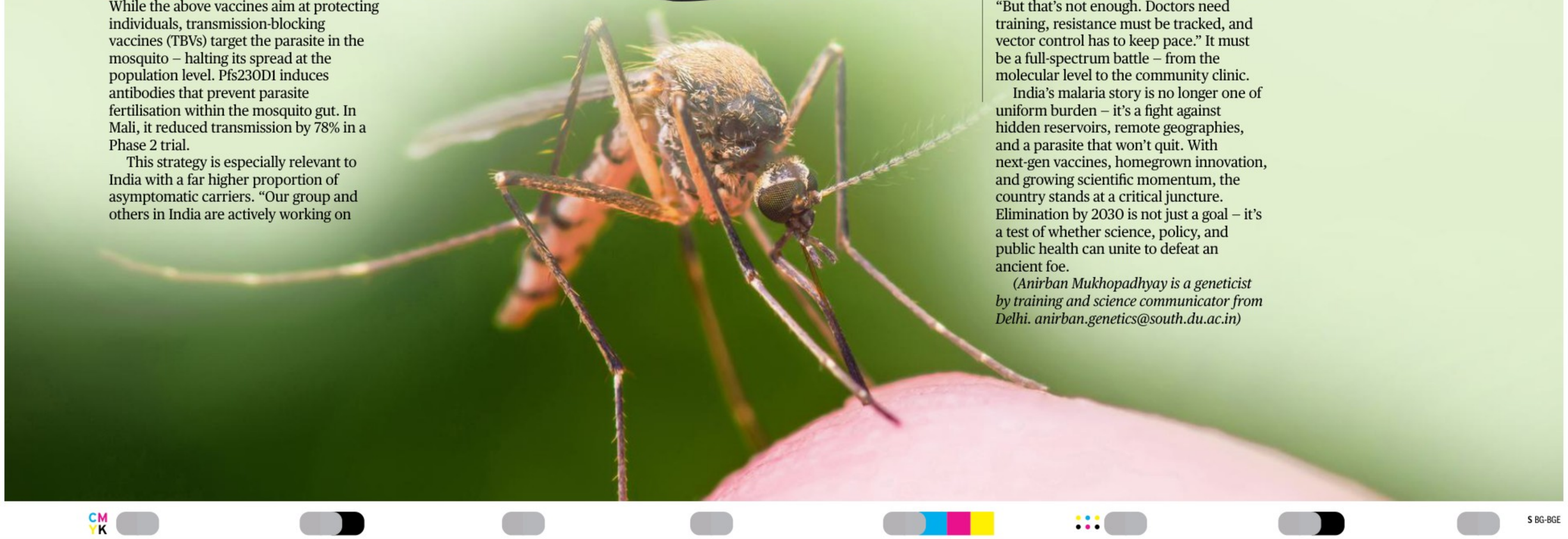

Symposium organised

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Centre for Global Language at Bengaluru City University celebrated its 40th anniversary with a symposium on "Innovative Teaching Methods in Foreign Language Learning" recently.

S.R. Niranjana, vice-chairman of the Karnataka State Higher Education Council, inaugurated the event.

During the event, new French and Spanish textbooks authored by Jyothi Venkatesh, and Jonathan Castillo, was launched.

Meeting on trafficking of women and children

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State Human Rights Commission, in collaboration with the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, recently organised a meeting on 'Immoral Trafficking of Women and Children'.

The meeting aimed to highlight the severity of human trafficking, particularly of women and children, and to strengthen efforts to combat this organised crime.

Timings
BENGALURU

FRIDAY, AUG. 01		
RISE	06:05	SET 18:47
RISE	12:07	SET 23:52
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RISE	06:06	SET 18:46
RISE	13:48	SET 00:33

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	31	23
Mysuru	28	20
Bengaluru	28	20

Bengaluru Today
27°C The weather will be comfortable. Night will be pleasant. Short spell of light rain and thundershower may occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
28°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be comfortable. Spell of light rain and thundershower is a chance.

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15th Indian Organ Donation Day

Organ Donation – The Elixir of Life Campaign

Inauguration : Shri Dinesh Gundu Rao, Hon'ble Minister For Health and Family Welfare

Date: 01 August 2025
Time: 11:30 am

Venue: Endurance Auditorium, Yenepoya Medical College Hospital (Deemed University), Deralakatte, Mangaluru

- Organ donation can be done with the consent of the family members of any brain-dead person. It is legal.
- Tissues such as corneas, heart valves, skin, and bone marrow from a deceased person can support 50 lives.
- A donor can save upto 08 lives by donating organs including kidneys, liver, heart, lungs, pancreas, and small intestine.
- Organ and tissue donation can be done irrespective of age or gender.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Siddaramaiah and
Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare
Shri Dinesh Gundu Rao participating in a health programme

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Public grievances redressed in the past four months

4.47 In lakh. Out of more than 6.6 lakh public grievances received between April and July 24 this year, 4.47 lakh have been redressed. The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances conducts monthly review meetings with all departments. PTI

Extra budget allocation for the PMKSY scheme

1,920 In ₹ crore. The Union Cabinet raised budgetary outlay for the flagship scheme Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) to ₹6,520 crore to boost the food processing sector. The enhanced funds will be utilised for 100 food testing labs. PTI

The amount approved as a grant-in-aid for the NCDC by Cabinet

2,000 In ₹ crore. The Union Cabinet approved a ₹2,000 crore grant-in-aid to the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) for four years, a move that will help the organisation to mobilise more funds for lending. PTI

Forest land diverted by India in 2021-25 for various projects

78,000 ha. Union Minister Kirti Vardhan Singh said the government approved the diversion of 12,324.32 ha of forest land in first half of 2025. Madhya Pradesh accounted for the highest area approved for diversion. PTI

Area undertaken for planting trees in India in the last five years

93.7 lakh hectares The Minister of State for Environment said the government is currently carrying out afforestation and tree plantation under the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign launched on June 5, 2024. PTI

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Why the world needs better green technologies

As nations grapple with land constraints, geopolitical conflicts, rising carbon dioxide levels, and the urgency of energy self-sufficiency, the imperative grows not just to deploy more renewable fuels but to invest in smarter, more efficient, and more diverse energy innovation

FULL CONTEXT

Chinnakonda S. Gopinath

As the global demand for sustainable energy soars and countries strive to meet climate commitments, silicon photovoltaics have emerged as the most widely adopted solution, transforming landscapes from urban rooftops to sprawling rural installations. Yet as the energy transition accelerates, a critical question surfaces: are conventional silicon panels, despite their proven track record, truly the most effective path forward, or is it time to embrace next-generation technologies promising higher efficiencies and lower environmental footprints?

The landscape is further complicated by new demands such as the widespread production of green hydrogen, touted as a key enabler of deep decarbonisation. Today's solar panel technologies not only affect the quantity of clean electricity generated but directly shape the potential and credibility of downstream solutions like green hydrogen, green ammonia, and green methanol. As nations grapple with land constraints, rising carbon dioxide levels, and the urgency of energy self-sufficiency, the imperative grows not just to deploy more renewables but to invest in smarter, more efficient, and more diverse energy innovation.

Silicon photovoltaics

The widely used solar panels, or silicon photovoltaics, were originally invented by researchers at Bell Laboratories in the U.S. in 1954 and first deployed on satellites so they could generate power in space. From there, they slowly entered other industries over time until, in the last few decades, their adoption exploded worldwide.

Current solar panels generally have a reported efficiency of around 18-21% and an in-field efficiency of 15-18%. In the last 15 years or so, around 80% of the supply of solar panels has been from China. In India, the production of silicon solar cells has reached around 6 GW and is expected to increase further in the coming years.

At this juncture, as the world prepares to invest more in solar power even as the ability to harness it has become a strategic ability, an important question has arisen: should we continue to adopt silicon solar panels even though superior, more efficient technologies have become available?

The best research-based solar cell efficiency chart has been regularly updated from 1976 for a broad range of photovoltaic technologies. There are many, with the maximum efficiency of around 47% being achieved by single junction gallium arsenide thin-film technology. Many of these photovoltaic setups have already been demonstrated at a high level and are ready to be commercialised.

Because silicon solar panels' efficiency is below 18%, they need to have greater area exposed to the sun than panels of higher efficiency. When the efficiency doubles, the required collection area halves.

Land area is becoming a rarer commodity: countries are urbanising rapidly even as increasing environmental consciousness, driven by the pressures of climate mitigation, render green spaces too valuable to be diverted for solar power plants.

Silicon photovoltaics are also slow runners in the world's race to catch up with its own growing energy demand.

Need for speed: A drone view of solar panels and the National Thermal Power Corporation power plant in Solapur, Maharashtra on March 2. REUTERS

While 4.45 TWh of renewable energy generation capacity had been installed until the end of 2024, the CO2 concentration in the atmosphere has continued to increase – from 350 ppm in 1990 to around 425 ppm in 2025 – implying energy demand is only increasing faster.

Costs of green hydrogen

The widespread adoption of silicon photovoltaics also has implications for the 'greenness' of green hydrogen, among other fuels. Hydrogen as a fuel can be produced by using a large electric current to break apart water molecules (H2O). If this current comes from a renewable energy source, the resulting hydrogen is called green hydrogen.

Green hydrogen is environment friendly and doesn't emit any greenhouse gases when it is combusted. However, the current electrolysis technologies available consume more energy to produce green hydrogen than its energy value in use. The yet other costs hydrogen imposes include that of its storage and transportation, which are very difficult because of the element's extremely low density, which causes it to leak easily.

As alternatives, experts have proposed infusing the green hydrogen into molecules like green ammonia (NH3) and green methanol (CH3OH), which are easier to transport, before extracting the green hydrogen at the destination.

However, using green hydrogen to produce green ammonia or methanol by conventional catalysis methods, followed by stripping hydrogen out of those molecules, also requires a significant amount of energy.

Thus, at the first step itself – the act of generating renewable energy from silicon photovoltaics – there is a compromise on efficiency (that is, by not adopting more efficient solar power technologies). And in the subsequent steps, energy is consumed for electrolysis, storage or conversation, transport, and finally utilisation. As a result, the greenness of green hydrogen should not be taken at face value.

CO2 recycling

One alternative is to produce green methanol or ammonia directly from water, sunlight, and carbon dioxide or nitrogen, respectively. The plants in our gardens are already doing this everyday in a process called photosynthesis. Similarly, some scientists are working on a process called artificial photosynthesis, or APS. Currently, while APS technologies are restricted to the lab bench, some bright spots indicate they have a promising future.

As the world's various net-zero targets come into view, it's important to develop and perfect diverse technologies, rather than just a few, so that it has the best shot of achieving carbon-neutral economies.

Europe is already working on 'Renewable Fuels of Non-Biological Origin', or RFNBO, which is the production of fuels with renewable energy and resources and without biomass. India should also work on such futuristic solutions to become energy independent, from its current position of importing nearly 85% of different forms of energy resources (including oil, coal, and natural gas) from other countries.

As geopolitical conflicts proliferate and the supply of energy is increasingly disrupted, achieving energy self-sufficiency is paramount. As such the Government of India should consider spending more on research, innovation, and technology development with help from the private sector.

Prevention is better than cure. Spending ₹1 crore on preventing pollution today will save us from having to spend several crore in the future on damage control. While green hydrogen and silicon photovoltaics are good technologies, the world already needs better, that is, more efficient, more practicable, more economic, and more diverse solutions.

Chinnakonda S. Gopinath is visiting professor, IIT Palakkad.

THE GIST

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Office of the Additional Chief Engineer (Project) PHED Bharatpur

E mail :- aceproj.bha.phed@rajasthan.gov.in, acepbpr@gmail.com

Notice Inviting Bid No. 06/2024-25, Corrigendum No. 09

Due to unavoidable circumstances bid submission date of this office NIT no. 06/2024-25 has extended and last date of submission has been made as date **08.09.2025**. Other terms and conditions will remain as per Tender Documents.

UBN No: PHE2425WLOB07194
NIB Code: PHE2425A3392

(Surendra Sharma)
Addl. Chief Engineer (P)
PHED Bharatpur, Rajasthan

DIPR/C/10593/2025

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No. : M.L.B.C.C.-2/D.B./4701 MLBC-2/E-Tender/2025-26/ 981 & 982, Date : 29-07-2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through K.P.P. Portal System only) (Two Cover System)

Electronic Percentage Tender through E-procurement platform is invited by the **Executive Engineer, KNNL, MLBCC Division No. 2, Naviluteertha,** on behalf of **M.D., K.N.N.L. Bangalore** for taking up the following works from the Eligible contractors registered under KPWD The tenderers are required to apply in **Two Cover System** (as per KTTP act 2000)

Estimated Amount : Rs. 495.00 to 496.00 Lakhs.

For Work Indent Numbers : 3040 & 3041.

1) Pre Bid Meeting on : 04-08-2025 at 11.00 a.m., 2) Last Date of Tender Receipt : 08-08-2025 up to 4.00 p.m., 3) Cover - I, Technical, Bid will be Opened on : 11-08-2025 after 4.30 p.m., 4) Cover - II, Financial Bid will be Opened on : 12-08-2025 after 11.00 a.m.

Further information about Electronic Tendering can be had from **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and can be had from the undersigned during Office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
K.N.N.L., M.L.B.C.C. Division, No. 2,
Naviluteertha.

DIPR/Belagavi/758/Manipal/2025-26

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, (District Urben Development Cell, Chitradurg)

E-Mail: ka.chitradurga.dudc@gmail.com

No: DUDC(2)3rd Party/CR 39/2024-25 Date: 29.07.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender for Providing consultancy Services as 3rd Party (Third Party) Inspection and monitoring for all developmental & maintenance works, Procurement of Goods & Services under various Grants/funds in ULBs of Chitradurga District is invited through K.P.P. Portal in two tender document system from interested Consultants / Agencies, the details of which are given below.

E-Procurement Indent No. DMA/2024-25/SE3129/CALL-3
Name of the Work:-Providing consultancy Services as 3rd Party (Third Party) Inspection and monitoring for all developmental & maintenance works, Procurement of Goods & Services under various Grants/funds in ULBs of Chitradurga District.
Approximate Project cost in lakhs:- 102.00
Estimated Service Charge Amount (Rs.in lakhs):-51.00
EMD Amount (Rs in lakhs):-1.02 Contract Period:- One Year

Interested agencies can get the tender information on the website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in and for more details, information can be obtained from the District Urban Development Cell

Calendar of Events and other information are as follows: **(1)** Pre-Bid Meeting 07-08-2025 11.00 Hrs. **(2)** Last date and Time for Tender Queries / Clarifications 13-08-2025 17.00 Hrs. **(3)** Last date for Time and Receipt and Tenders 19-08-2025 17.00 Hrs. **(4)** Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids) 20-08-2025 17.30 PM **(5)** Date of Opening of Tenders (Financial Bids) After Technical Bid Approval

Any changes in the tender conditions and Postponement of calendar of events (if any) is only through e-Procurement portal and will not be published in any newspapers.

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/ 260/2025-26

Sd/- Project Director, District Urban Development Cell, Chitradurga

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(Government of Karnataka Autonomous Institute)

Byrasandra, Jayanagar East, Bengaluru - 560 011 Ph: 080-26564516, 26562500 Grams: SITO Fax: 26565222 E-mail: sitodirector@gmail.com

No. SGIT&O/ACD/FC/05/2025-26 **Date: 31-07-2025**

NOTIFICATION

Application are invited for Fellowship programmes for the academic year 2025-26 in Sanjay Gandhi Institute of Trauma and Orthopaedics, Bengaluru as per the guidelines and calendar of events issued by Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bengaluru vide Notification No: RGUHS/FELLOW/COE/69316/2025-26, Date:02.07.2025. The details are as here under:-

Sl. No.		Sl. No.	Subject	Durations in months	Number of admissions
1	Details, Duration and intake for the course	1	Sports Injury & Arthroscopy	18	04
		2	Arthroplasty	18	04
		3	Spine Surgery	18	04
		4	Advanced Orthopaedic Trauma	18	04
		5	Maxillofacial Trauma	18	02
		6	Ultrasound & Image Guided Advanced Nerve Blocks	12	04
2	Eligibility	Candidate with NMC/MCI Recognized Post Graduate Degree in concerned specialty. **Or** Candidates with NMC/MCI Recognized Post Graduate Diploma in concerned specialty with three years experience (Copies to be enclosed) **Or** DM/MCH/DNB in concerned specialty 1. For Maxillofacial Trauma qualification – required MDS DMFS/Oral Maxillofacial Surgery 2. For Ultrasound & Image Guided Advanced Nerve Blocks – qualification required is MD /DNB Anaesthesia			
3	Stipend	According to Government Notification.			
4	Institutional / In-service candidates should send their applications through proper channel.				
5	For application format visit website www.sgito.org apply with Bio-data and relevant certificates. The duly filled in application should reach through by Registered post or Inperson to this institute in sealed cover within 08.08.2025. The candidate should super scribe on the envelope as **"Application for fellowship programme in the subject of _____ for the year 2025-26"**				
6	Application fee of Rs.4,000/- (for each subject) made by online payment to the following Account **Director, Sanjay Gandhi Institute of Trauma & Orthopaedics, Bangalore – 560011**, Account No – 10313054855, IFSC Code SBIN0004926, State Bank of India, Jayanagar 4th 'T' Block, Bangalore and online payment Receipt should enclose along with Application form.				
7	Date and Place of examination	**Date:19.08.2025, 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm at Examination building, Library block, first floor, Bangalore Medical College & Research Institute, Bengaluru – 560002**			
8	The selected In-service candidates shall execute a bond in Form No.19 appended to KCSR and other private candidates shall deposit their original marks cards. Degree certificates, (UG & PG), Experience Certificate etc. In case the candidates fails to complete or withdraw from the fellowship programme before joining the course during the course he/she shall pay a fine of Rs.10,000-00 and the entire stipend amount, if any, drawn in respect of any fellowship programme will have to be repaid.				
9	Course Fees Rs. 34,840/- + University fee (Non refundable)				

DIPR/SI/2122/2025-26

sd/- DIRECTOR

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(Superintending Engineer, Salem Circle at Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu Housing Board, Cowly Brown Road, R.S Puram, Coimbatore – 641 002)
E-mail : sesctnhb@yahoo.com, Ph: 0422 - 2456606

e- Tender Notice No: SE/SC/02/2025-2026 **Date : 29.07.2025**

Name of Work	Approximate Value of works in Lakhs
Construction of 96 TNGRHS flats (B type - 12 flats, C type - 60 flats and D type – 24flats) at Thalavadi, Erode District.	Rs.4760.00 Lakhs (including GST @ 18%)

1. For Tender document visit **https://tntenders.gov.in** Date and Time for downloading and submission of tender documents: From **04.08.2025** at **11.00 AM** to **03.09.2025 - 11.00 AM**
2. Date and Time of opening of the e-Tender : **03.09.2025 - 11.30 AM**
3. Detailed Tender Notice is available in the website: **https://tntenders.gov.in.**

DIPR/ 3974 /TENDER/2025

Superintending Engineer
Salem Circle at Coimbatore/TNHB

KARNATAKA URBAN WATER SUPPLY & DRAINAGE BOARD KALABURAGI ZONE, KALABURAGI

Office of the Chief Engineer KUWS & D Board, Kalaburagi Zone,
"Jalbhavan", Rajapur, Kusnoor Road, Kalaburagi – 585105. Tel : 08472-220817, Fax : 08472-260818 E-mail ID : kwbceklb14@gmail.com

No. KWB/CE(K)/TEC/Aland NGR/2025-26/474 Date : 31-07-2025

-: NOTICE INVITING TENDER:-

1) Detail of Work: "Construction of 4.00 MLD capacity WTP at Hebli Road in Aland town under Nagarothan (phase-4) (Lumpsum - No Variation"). **(Work Indent No : KUWSDB/2025-26/WS/WORK_INDENT366)**, 2) Amount of Estimate: **Rs. 391.03 Lakhs (Excluding GST)**, 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Eligible Contractors, 4) Details of Tender application amount and EMD amount: Rs. 5,87,000/-, 5) Period of Completion: 12 Months (Including Monsoon), 6) Date and Time for commencement of downloading of tender documents from the e-procurement portal: **02-08-2025 after 13:00 Hours**, 7) Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting: **18-08-2025 at 11:30 Hours,** 8) Last Date and Time for receipt of Tenders: **01-09-2025 up to 17:30 Hours,** 9) Date and Time for Opening of Tender: **03-09-2025 after 11:00 Hours**, 10) Addl. information: Office of the Chief Engineer, KUWS & D Board, Kalaburagi Zone, "Jalbhavan", Rajapur, Kusnoor Road, Telephone : 08472-220817 E-mail ID : kwbceklb14@gmail.com, 11) Address of E-portal: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Chief Engineer
KUWS & D Board, Kalaburagi Zone, Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/348/KSMC&A/2025-26

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ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ) (ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ)

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TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-PORTAL)

Online Tenders are invited through e-Procurement by the undersigned from the Contractors for the following work. Last Date of Tender : 08-08-2025 5.00 PM. Technical Bid Opening : 11-08-2025, **NAME OF WORK : Construction Leachate Collection Tank and SLF at New SWM Land Fill site DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT-45863.** EST. **AMT. Rs. 53.20 Lakh. EMD Rs. 89,900/-**

Contractors class : Class III Above. For More Details, Please visit **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING ATTENDANCE OF DEFENDANT (Order 5. Rules 20 of the Code of Civil Procedures)
CS (COMM) 1295/2024
M/S BAWA AUTOMOBILE CO.
V/S
M/S DURGA CAR MAX
TO
M/S DURGA CAR MAX
THROUGH MR. T. N. BALASUBRAMANYAM
SHOP NO. 547/1, RASTRIYHA VIDYALAYA ROAD, NEAR VIJAYA COLLEGE, JAYA NAGAR, 1ST BLOCK, JAYANAGAR, BASAVANAGUDI, BANGLORE-560004
EMAIL ID: DURGACARMAX@GMAIL.COM
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WHEREAS you are intentionally evading service of summon it is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on the 13.08.2025 the day fixed for the final disposal, it will be heard and determined ex-parte. Given under my hand and the seal of the court, this 22.07.2025

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DISTRICT JUDGE (COMMERCIAL COURT)

TENDERS

For Sale/eAuction: Fire scrap damaged Plant & Machinery, Electrical Equipment, Office Equipment, Furniture &Fixtures and Packing Materials with total weight approx. 595.98 MT lying at Plot No.126-129, Industrial Growth Centre, Chicksugur, Raichur-584134, Karnataka. Contact Person for Physical Inspection -Mr Vijender Medamoni -9618166477 Last Date For Inspection & EMD Deposit - 13.08.2025 & Date Of E-auction-14.08.2025 (3PM), Auctioneer: Meenakshi Gupta-9625137014 (Insurance Claim Material Will Be Sold On 'As Is Where Is', 'Whatever There Is 'And' No Complaint' Basis).

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E-TENDER NOTICE

No. BS10/040971/2025 Date :30.07.2025

Bengal Gram (Whole) E-tender No.BS10/040971/2025 -TNCSC/25-26
Green Gram (Whole) E-tender No. BS10/051660/2025 -TNCSC/25-26

Online electronic e-tender for **Purchase of 590 MT. of Black Bengal Gram (Whole) and 346 MT. of Green Gram (Whole)** to deliver at all the TNCSC's godowns in all Regions for issuing under PTMGR NMP scheme and ICDS.

Complete e-tender document can be viewed and downloaded through **https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**

The bidders have to participate online bidding only with Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class-II or Class-III

Last Date and Time for Online Submission : 18.08.2025 Up to 11.30 AM

DIPR/4027/TENDER/2025 MANAGING DIRECTOR.

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Centre Director (I/c)

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. CEE/Tr(O)ZB/SEE(O)/AE-1/F-412/2025-26/4038-48 Dt: 31.07.2025

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal only)

KPTCL invites bid against the enquiry No:KPTCL/CEE/T(O)Z/BZ/2025-26/01/PT, for Design, Manufacture, Testing and Supply of 66kV class Potential Transformer of ratio 66kV/√3/110V/√3-110V/√3-110V/√3 Single Phase, Oil filled, Outdoor Type PT with terminal connector suitable for Al. tube/ conductor with marshalling box etc., complete to various sub-stations coming under Transmission (Operations) Zone, KPTCL, Bengaluru conforming to Technical Specifications. F.O.R.D at Store/Site basis, including insurance, transportation and unloading.

The bids will be recived through electronic tender mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging onn to KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 11.08.2025.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Chief Engineer(Ele.), Transmission(Operations) Zone, KPTCL, Ananda Rao Circle, Bengaluru-560009.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION (CHENNAI) LIMITED

PALLAVAN ILLAM, ANNA SALAI, CHENNAI - 600 002.

TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of Metropolitan Transport Corporation (Chennai) Limited, tenders are invited for issuing licence for display of advertisement on the Exterior bus body below the Middle beading of the side body sheet and rear panel only, and Passenger seat back side and Existing Passenger Queens handle in MTC buses from the eligible tenderers who shall submit the documentary evidence as indicated below:

Sl. No.	Issue of Licence for	EMD Amount in Rs.	Eligibility Criteria
1.	Display of Advertisement on the Exterior bus body below the Middle beading of the side body and rear panel fitted with a thin sheet size (Approx4 X 3 feet only) (except Small Bus, A/C Buses, New Low Floor Bus, renovated Blue & New BSVI Blue Bus,) **(Alandur, Thiruvanmiyur, Chrompet–2, Perambur depots)** in 275 Buses	3,02,500	Registered establishment with at least Three year experience in the advertisement field
2.	Display of Advertisement on the Exterior bus body below the Middle beading of the side body and rear panel fitted with a thin sheet size (Approx4 X 3 feet only) in 52 A/C Buses.	1,14,400	
3.	Display of Advertisement on the Exterior bus body below the Middle beading of the side body and rear panel fitted with a thin sheet size (Approx4 X 3 feet only) only in 242 New BSVI Blue Buses.	2,92,000	
4.	Display of Advertisement on the Rear side of Passenger seats in 1000 buses (in 5 equal lots) attached to various depots (200 bus / per lot).	EMD Rs.16,900/- Per lot Group I to V 200 Buses for each group	
5.	Display of Advertisement on existing Passenger Queens Handle in 560 buses attached to various depots (New Low Floor Bus Only).	EMD Rs.1,54,000/-	

The Tender document and EMD details are available at Government e-procurement portal **https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app.** Bidders are requested to upload their tender documents through the above portal only.

Tender submission start date : **02.08.2025 at 11.00 Hrs.** | Tender submission end date : **22.08.2025 upto 12.00 Hrs.** | Tender will be opened on **22.08.2025 at 15.00 Hrs.**

Any modification (if any) in tender terms and tender invitation period will be uploaded in the website and the tenderers are requested to go through the above website periodically. MTC (Chennai) Ltd. reserves the right to accept / reject any tender without assigning any reason thereof.

DIPR/4049TENDER/2025 MANAGING DIRECTOR

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Notice No: HFW-MEII-MISC- 0040-2024/22228/ H Dated: 30.07.2025

Request for Proposal (RFP) for Selection of Monitoring Agency for Affordable Healthcare Projects

Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Odisha **("Authority")** invites proposals from experienced consulting firms **("Bidders")** to provide services as Monitoring Agency for the Affordable Healthcare projects in Odisha.

Bid Document : **Bid document can be downloaded from the following address URL: https://health.odisha.gov.in/odisha-affordable-health-project/tenders-advertisement ("Website").**

Pre-bid meeting (Hybrid mode) : **Date 08/08/2025, at 11:00 Hrs IST (Link for the meeting shall be uploaded in the Website)**

Proposal Due Date : Dt.16/09/2025, 15:00 Hrs IST

The Authority reserves the right to modify, cancel, suspend or terminate any aspect of its proposal or any part thereof, for any reason and without giving prior notice.

For further information please contact :
Special Secretary (MS)
Health and Family Welfare Department
Lokaseva Bhawan, Bhubaneswar-751001
Email: hfw.meiisection@gmail.com

E-278 : OIPR-10001/11/0076/2526

Government of Karnataka

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,

CHAMARAJANAGARA DIVISION, CHAMARAJANAGARA
Phone/Fax : 08226-222027 e-mail : eecnr@kpwd.gov.in / pwdeechngr@gmail.com

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through Kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal only)
(Two Cover System : Section-1-Technical Bid and Section-2-Financial Bid)
Short Term Tender Notification No 10/2025-26 Dated : 29-07-2025

Item rate tenders are invited through Kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal only on behalf of Governor of Karnataka from Eligible registered civil Contractor in KPWD in Standard Bid document **KW-4,** form The Total no of works is 4, **H/A : 5054-04-337-0-01-154 (Plan) MDR Improvement Works** minimum estimate cost is Rs. 700.00 lakhs & maximum estimated cost is Rs. 950.00 lakhs, The Total no of works is 2, **H/A : 5054-03-337-0-17-154 SH Improvement Works** minimum estimate cost is Rs. 700.00 lakhs & maximum estimated cost is Rs. 950.00 lakhs Further changes in this Notification will be published in Kppp.karnataka.gov.in Only. Date of events as follows:

1	Date and Time for downloading the tender document from the Kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal	From 04-08-2025 to 04-09-2025 upto 16.00 Hrs.
2	Pre-Bid Meeting Date	22-08-2025 in Division Office Meeting Hall at 11.00 AM
3	Downloading the tender document from the Last Date and Time	04-09-2025 upto 16.00 Hrs.
4	Date & Time for opening of Technical bid	06-09-2025 after 16.00 Hrs.
5	Date & Time for opening of Financial bid	08-09-2025 after 16.00 Hrs.

More information can be had from the web site : **https ://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** & Any other details required can be obtained from office of the under signed during office hours.

DIPR : CHANAGAR:251:2025-26

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD Division, Chamarajanagar.

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No. BMCRC/SUP/TEND/GAS/02/2025-26/Call-2/195 DATE:29.07.2025

Re e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenderis invited from theeligible Bidders for Supply and Refilling of Nitrous Oxide Gas and Medical Oxygen Cylinders to BMCRC, Ballarion Rate Contract for a period of One year under Two bid system through e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** of Government of Karnataka as per the KTPP Act-1999-2000. The interested Bidders are informed to submit the proposal in priscribed format in above said e-portal on are before **12.08.2025 @5.00PM.** The total approximate cost of tender is **Rs.112.80**Lakhs Further details may be obtained in the above said website and **www.bmcrcballari.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- Dean & Director, BMCRC, Ballari
DIPR/Ballari/316/KSMCA/2025-26

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer (QA/QC-South), Room No. 101, Annex-3 Building, N R Square, Bengaluru-02

No. EE(QA/QC)/South/TEND/08/25-26 Date : 31-07-2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION - CALL-2

(TWO COVER SYSTEM) (Only through KPP Portal)

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Quality Assurance / Quality Control Division invites Request for Proposal from interested persons/firms those **who have done similar type of work for Consultancy Services for Project Management including Supervision, Quality control (PMC)** for the below works through KPP Portal by the Executive Engineer QA/QC-South on behalf of the Chief Commissioner, BBMP, Bengaluru.

Sl.	Name of the Work
1	Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality control for the Comprehensive development of Roads Improvements to drains, culverts, footpath and Beautification and providing Green Edge existing White topping Road in Hosur Lashkar Road, 20th Main Koramangala, 6th Cross Koramangala other works in Aicoba Nagara, Manjunatha Layout, Roopenanagar, Sunshine Colony, HSBCS Layout, KAS Colony, Pushpa Layout, Madeena Nagara, Sanjeevamma Badavane, N S Palya, MICO Layout, SFHS Layout and surrounding area in ward No. 180 Someshwara Temple & 181 BTM layout of BTM Layout Division. (Call-2) **Project Cost :** Rs. 2000.00 Lakhs. **EMD Amount :** Rs. 50,000/-

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender Document may be downloaded through KPP Portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** under login for contractors from : **02-08-2025 (2)** Pre-bid Meeting : **06-08-2025 at 11.30 AM** Office of the Executive Engineer (QA/QC) Room No. 101, Annex-3 Building, BBMP N R Square, Bengaluru-560002. **(3)** Last Date & Time for receipt of Tenders : **11-08-2025 up to 4.00 PM (4)** Opening of Technical bid : **12-08-2025 at 4:30 PM (6)** Validity of Tender : 90 Days from last date of receipts of Tender.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (QA/QC South)

IN THE LIMELIGHT

On 'Saiyaara': making sense of the sensation

The surprise success of Mohit Suri's romantic tearjerker, starring Ahaan Panday and Aneet Padda, suggests the beginning of a social shift in which patience remains a virtue and the space for cynicism has diminished

Anuj Kumar

It has been an eventful week for culture observers. While on smart TVs, more than 40 crore people watched India's young cricket team, with an average age of around 26 years, playing out a hard-fought draw in the Old Trafford Test, on the big screen, *Saiyaara*, a debutant-led classic romance, has scored around ₹200 crore in its first week of release and is still going strong. No one invoked 'Ro-Ko' in sprawling stadiums, and the audience quickly bypassed aging screen gods at the box office as they became smitten by the sensory relationship between memory and music, love and longing.

The resurgence of romance

In Mohit Suri's *Saiyaara*, the relationship between the tune and the lyric in creating a song is personified by Krish and Vaani played by Ahaan Panday and Aneet Padda respectively. We meet Vaani as a heartbroken girl, who demands space to deal with her heartbreak and etch something in the memory of time through poetry. Krish, on the other hand, is a headstrong singer who questions privilege and shuns instant fame for fidelity in love.

Through their fateful meeting, Vani channels the feral force of the singer, who in turn realises his incompleteness without her words – words that are fading away from our lives in the gibberish of endless Instagram reels.

Like the fearlessness of T-20 contributes to the resilience of Test cricket, *Saiyaara* echoes middle-class youth's familiarity with spaces that were previously forbidden, giving them the strength to overcome emotional and social taboos.

The weather wanes of Bollywood had gauged that the audience is yearning for a true tearjerker, ever since Imtiaz Ali's *Rockstar* and *Laila Majnu* made the cash registers ring with their re-release. Anand L. Rai's *Raanjhanaa* also made a strong comeback recently.

The popularity of tragic romances

Young romance with a tragic twist has been a go-to theme when things don't work out for Bollywood biggies at the box office. In the 1970s, Raj Kapoor invested in *Bobby* when the audience didn't empathise with his aging *Joker*. Initially, the film had a tragic end, but Kapoor heeded the generational shift and concluded with a message of hope. Taking a leaf out of Kapoor's book, Rajendra Kumar launched his son Kumar Gaurav with *Love Story (1981)*, and Dharmendra introduced Sunny Deol with *Betaab (1983)*.

Similarly, the Mehras turned to *Sohini Mahiwal* in the 1980s to revive their fortunes. Nasir Hussain had the last hurrah with *Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak* (1988) after a series of flops; the Barjatyas' found their mojo with *Main Pyar Kiya* (1989); and the Roshans' found a new lease of life with *Kaho Na Pyaar Hai* (2000).

However, since the abject failure of Aditya Chopra's *Befikre* in 2016, Yash Raj Films, the unofficial home of romantics since *Daag* (1973), had not touched the genre for eight years and was busy expanding its spy universe, when its low-key marketing of young romance turned out to be a well-thought-out strategy. Known for initiating a dialogue between Indian and Western notions of romance through diasporic culture when the country adopted a free market economy at the turn of the millennium, the banner apparently lost its way when the obstacles to urban romance were overcome.

A still from 'Saiyaara'.

Meanwhile, OTT entertainment took off, and the younger generation looked to Korean dramas to find romance. So, the banner brought in Suri. He carved out his niche under the brooding shadow of his uncle, Mahesh Bhatt, who helmed the original *Aashiqui* (1990) and made us believe in the decisions of the heart with *Dil Hai Ki Manta Nahin* (1991).

Suri's filmography is dotted with films that are rooted in Korean romance, which emphasise the journey of courtship, engage with trust and understanding, and explore complex relationships within the context of family and social expectations. However, the melancholic tone, raw emotions, and an air of vulnerability, that his films exude remind one of the best of Bhatt. His themes resonate with a generation that has lived through the assumed *'befikri'* (carefree) period of instant gratification, of finding love on dating apps, and the individualism prevalent on Instagram.

Suri is one of the few filmmakers of this generation who can convey deep emotions through soulful music, which was a defining strength of Indian cinema once upon a time. Can the lyric *'Kaise Zakhmon Ko Bata Marham Ka Milta Achaanak Pata'* (How do wounds suddenly get the address of balm?) in Irshad Kamil's 'Humsafar' be expressed in a dialogue or through silence? The line stores the crux of the story where two lacerated souls heal each other. There is a sense of sacrifice and commitment that lasts beyond the wave of physical attraction.

When the cynics underline that *Saiyaara* draws from John H. Lee's *A Moment To Remember (2004)*, they perhaps forget that memory has been playing tricks with lovers for a long time. For those unaware of the Korean film, Krish play acting Virat Kohli in the climax of *Saiyaara*, will be reminded of Balu Mahendra's *Sadma* (1983), where Kamal Haasan transforms into a monkey on a railway platform. It was in the early 1980s when we could not even spell Alzheimer's syndrome. In Satish Kaushik's *Tere Naam* (2003) too, a remake of Bala's *Sethu*, memory loss triggers a tragic end.

From the times of Heer Ranjha and Romeo & Juliet, writers have been telling the same story of unrequited romance with tragedy striking in different forms. My father would recall how youngsters thronged theatres to cry with Dilip Kumar in Nitin Bose's *Deedar* (1951) and would sing '*Bachpan Ke Din Bhula Na Dena, Aaj Hanse Kal Rula Na Dena*' on the way back. In the film, playing the visually impaired Shyamu, the 'King of Tragedy' Dilip Kumar, when he regains his eyesight, stabs his eyes again the moment he learns that his childhood love has no recollection of their friendship. Fifteen years later, Manoj Kumar took Raj Khosla along to watch a re-run of *Deedar* and reworked the script to create *Do Badan* (1966), featuring '*Lo Aa Gayi Unki Yaad Woh Nahin Aaye*', which became the new anthem for the lovesick.

Legendary poet Harivansh Rai Bachchan once wrote in his iconic poem, *Madhushala*, that every generation finds its chalice, its tavern, more intoxicating.

Stars and how they shine

What makes a romance shine is how the young lovers resonate with the audience. Like cricketers delaying their retirement, film stars too don't want to give up on the genre and make writers tweak the template according to their age.

Some filmmakers also struggle to move beyond their chemistry with a star or their image. Suri also remained stuck with Emraan Hashmi until *Humari Adhuri Kahaani* (2015), which could have benefited from fresh faces. However, after every decade, a new pair emerges that changes the status quo. Cinephiles remember the huge impact a young Kamal Haasan made in the north when he spoke with a clipped Hindi accent in K. Balachander's *Ek Duuje Ke Liye (1981)*. The accent sounded authentic for Vasu, a Tamil boy, whose love hits a roadblock because of cultural differences.

Similarly, what makes *Saiyaara* sound fresh is the lead pair. After a long time, we have two age-appropriate actors who can make your heart throb, who can combine intensity with vulnerability without being self-conscious in front of the camera. While Ahaan reminds one of a young Sanjay Dutt with the way he owns the big screen and opens the character's wounds to the audience, Aneet conveys the deepest of emotions even in stock scenes laced with standard lines.

Not cut from the Bollywood cloth that makes most female actors pout and preen like clones, Aneet, after Alia Bhatt, is a natural powerhouse who can cause an emotional upheaval with her performance. The pathos in romance has just returned to Bollywood. This week, Dharma Productions, a factory of wafer-thin rom-coms, is taking a break from the genre to produce *Dhadak 2*, where caste plays the killjoy.

Towards the end of the year, Anand will return with yet another tale of love and rage in *Tere Ishq Mein*, where he carries forward his bond with tragic romance and, of course, Dhanush.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian
S. Upendran

"What's wrong with your pinky?"

"My pinky? I'm not wearing anything pink! What are you talking about?"

"Your pinky! Your little finger. I notice you have a bandage around it."

"Pinky is another name for the little finger?"

"That's right. Americans usually refer to the little finger as pinky."

"Inky, pinky, ponky! Father had a donkey! Ha! Ha!"

"Ha! Ha! Tell me, what's wrong with your pinky?"

"I was playing cricket yesterday and I got hit by the ball. Doesn't really matter. Which reminds me. What's the difference between matter with and matter to?"

"If I say, What's the matter with Dinesh?, it means what's wrong with Dinesh."

"...so, can I say, What's the matter with your scooter? to mean what's wrong with your scooter?"

"You certainly can! Here's another example: Something is the matter with my boss. He is being nice to everyone."

"The very fact that he hired you shows that something is the matter with him! Ha! Ha! Now tell me, what does matter to mean?"

"If you say, It doesn't matter to me whether I pass or fail, it means that you don't care, or you are not bothered whether you pass or fail."

"I see. It matters to me whether India wins or loses. Is that an ok sentence?"

"Sure is. And it sounds very patriotic."

"Thank you. I wish our politicians would be patriotic. Some of them are so corrupt that it doesn't matter to them what the rest of the country thinks of them."

"All they want to do is stay in power and make money. Sometimes you wonder what's the matter with these people."

"And when they get caught, the only thing they do is complain."

"You're right. They do kvetch."

"They what?"

"Kvetch. K..v..e..t..c..h. It rhymes with fetch. And a kvetch is someone who complains a lot. For example, I can say, Your friend Gopa is a kvetch."

"In every family, there is a kvetch. Is that an ok sentence?"

"Sounds good to me. But remember, kvetch is considered slang."

"I see. Sujatha said that she would come over sometime later. Do you..."

"Sujatha! Oh, no! I don't want another kvetch around here."

"Another kvetch? You mean to say that I'm a complainer?"

"Of course, you are. You kvetch from morning to evening. And..."

"...no, I do not. I never complain. I'm telling you, I'm not a kvetch."

"But you are. You're kvetching right now. I'm a kvetch and I kvetch all the time."

"That's interesting. The word kvetch can be used both as a noun and a verb."

"That's right. Do you have a problem with that?"

"No, I don't. It doesn't matter to me how a word is used. As long as I know how to use it. I won't kvetch."

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THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Spider-Man, the popular American superhero, first appeared in an anthology comic book in August, 1962. A quiz on the Marvel hero

Prathmesh Kher

QUESTION 1
Spider-Man first appeared in which comic book issue and year?

QUESTION 2
Where did the famous phrase "With great power comes great responsibility" first appear in relation to Spider-Man, and how was it presented?

QUESTION 3
Which issue holds the record for the highest-price sale of a Spider-Man comic? How much did it fetch?

QUESTION 4
Which philosophy influenced Spider-Man co-creator Steve Ditko's work, emphasising personal responsibility?

QUESTION 5
Why did Stan Lee add a hyphen to Spider-Man's name?

Visual question:
Identify the structures reflected in Spider-Man's eyes from this 2001 promotional poster for the movie starring Tobey Maguire.

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. Alappuzha is a major production hub for this product. **Ans: Coir**
2. In 2009, VS likened Vijayan to this Soviet leader. **Ans: Mikhail Gorbachev**
3. In 2014, the Kerala High Court found fault with the VS government's decision to raze resort buildings on encroached land in this town. **Ans: Munnar**
4. During the 1962 India-China war, VS was imprisoned because he defied the CPI's stance for this reason. **Ans: He organised blood donation drives for Indian soldiers**
5. VS deeply admired this revolutionary leader. **Ans: Fidel Castro**
6. This celebrity received an offer in the early 2000s to become the face of this soft drink brand. **Ans: Mammootty; Coca Cola**
Visual: This is a martyrs' memorial to those killed in this uprising. **Ans: Punnapra-Vayalar uprising**
Early Birds: Sujit Yadav| Sunil Kannada| Abhay Krishan| Varghese Joseph| Pranab Biswas

Word of the day

Exculpatory:
clearing of guilt or blame

Synonyms: acquit, clear, discharge, exonerate

Usage: *The exculpatory evidence was ignored.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/exculpatorypro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ɪksˈkʌl.pə.tɹi/, /ɪksˈkʌl.pə.tə.ɹi/

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Several areas in city to face power disruption

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Power supply will be disrupted from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on August 1, 2, and 3, owing to the stringing of HTLS conductors on the Sarjapura-Attibele 66 kV line. According to a press release, power will be affected in the following areas:

66/11 kV Attibele station: Yadavanahalli, Ichanguru, Vaddarapalya, Attibele Industrial Area, Balagaranahalli, Manchanahalli, Attibele Town, Mayasandra, Dasanapura, Balluru, Kamblipura, Chikkanahalli, Indlabele, Harohalli.

66/11 kV Anekal station: Anekal Town, Kavaluhosahalli, Gowrenahalli, Haldenahalli, Hompalagatta, Choodenhalli, Honnakalashapura, Karpuru, Byagadadenahalli, Kada Agrahara, Chikkahagade, Doddahagade.

66/11 kV Samanduru station: Samanduru, Rachamanahalli, Guddanahalli, Arvantigepura, P. Gollahalli, Telagarahalli, Vanakanahalli.

Guest faculty posts: BCU extends last date for online applications

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bengaluru City University (BCU) has extended the deadline for submitting online applications for guest faculty positions in undergraduate and postgraduate courses at BCU and University College for Women, Malleswaram, for the academic year 2025-26. The new deadline is August 4.

Candidates must also submit a hard copy of the application along with relevant documents by August 6

Candidates must also submit a hard copy of the application along with relevant documents not later than 5 p.m. by August 6. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted, the university stated in a release.

Additionally, candidates who have completed the online application may submit research publications published before the academic year 2021-22 as supplementary information.

For further updates, visit the university's official website: www.bcu.ac.in.

Annana Nenapu to be staged at Pravara Theatre

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Pravara Theatre will present the documentary play *Annana Nenapu*, a theatrical tribute to the life and works of renowned Kannada writer and environmentalist K.P. Poornachandra Tejaswi. The performance will take place on Sunday at 7 p.m., at Dr. C. Ashwath Kalabhavana, N.R. Colony.

APPOINTMENT

THE WEST BENGAL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JURIDICAL SCIENCES
"Dr. Ambedkar Bhavan", 12, LB Block, Sector III, Salt Lake City, Kolkata - 700 106

INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR THE POST OF VICE CHANCELLOR

The Vice Chancellor, being an academic as well as administrative head, is expected to be a visionary with proven leadership qualities, administrative capabilities as well as teaching and research credentials, should also have outstanding academic record throughout with a minimum of 10 years' experience as a Professor of Law in a University or in an equivalent position in reputed research and/or academic administrative organization.

The detailed advertisement can be downloaded from the University website **www.nujs.edu** on the following page **http://nujs.edu/careers.html**

Last date of receipt of applications: 31.08.2025.

Sd/-Registrar

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For eligibility criteria, application form, and other details, please refer to website **https://www.indianbank.in/tender**

Last date: 14.08.2025 **Sd/- ZONAL MANAGER**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is issued on behalf of My client **Mr.R.Abdul Basheer S/o Late Abdul Razack** to bring the notice of the general public that the following sale deeds as **1.** Original registered absolute sale deed doc.No.BLN-1-26879/2005-06 of Book-I, date.18.02.2006, executed by Mr.P.H.Ajmal rep by his GPA holder **Mr.P.W.Samiulla and Others** in favour of **Mr.P.R.Syed Ali.** & **2.** Original registered absolute sale deed doc.No.BLN-1-21780/2006-07 of Book-I, date.11.07.2006, executed by **Mr.P.R.Syed Ali S/o Mr.P.Abdul Razak** in favour of **Mr.Irshad Khan & another** are missing / lost / misplaced in respect of schedule property.

If any person/s, firm, company, institution or organization has any claim are holding the afore mentioned document or schedule property, they may contact the undersigned in writing within **7 days** from the date of this notice failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the immovable residential property bearing **Site No.15,** portion of Katha Nos.941/52 & 941/1-53, Situated at **Kadugondanahalli Gramathana, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,** Previously coming under the Byatarayanapura City Municipal Council, Ward No.28, Presently under BBMP, measuring East to West: **20 feet** and North to South: **25 feet,** in all measuring **500 Square feet,** and bounded on the:

East by : Site No.16, West by : Site No.14, North by: Road, South by: Private Property.

H. Prahlada, Advocate & Solicitor,
For H.P.Law, #2, 3rd Floor, Venkateshwara Complex, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore-560022
M : 7760061073

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No: 15/2025/SBC Dated : 28-07-2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the Supply of following items.

Description in brief : Supply of Class 4 Hand gloves with 36 kV manufactured and tested as per IEC 60903:2014 without Joint for Electrical Work Usage, Proof Test voltage : 40kV : Withstand voltage : 50kV manufacturing of gloves should be on or after May-2024. **(Tender No. L8256169) (Qty : 1665 Pairs)**

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 10:30 Hrs on 25-08-2025**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public are hereby notified that; my client has negotiated to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owner **Sri. K.P. Saraswathi alias Jayashree** W/o Mr. Sathyavelu, aged about 53 years, residing at No. 15/38, Cambridge Road, Ulsoor, Bangalore - 560008.

Apart from the said Owner, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title, interest or claim over the Schedule property or any part thereof by way of sale, lease, sublease, mortgage, gift, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, inheritance easement, preemption or otherwise howsoever, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s or claims with the undersigned (along with the photocopies of the documents based on which they rely for asserting their rights), within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that part and parcel of House property bearing **Municipal No.15/38,** Cambridge Road, Ulsoor, Bangalore - 560008, B.B.M.P. Ward No.75, **PID No. 75-44-15/38,** measuring East to West: on the Northern side 83 Feet, including 3 Feet passage, on the Southern side 83 Feet, including 3 Feet passage and North to South on the Eastern side 15.6 Feet and Western side 15 Feet, with Ground Floor, First Floor and Second Floor, building constructed thereon, and bounded on the :

East by : 10 Feet wide from North to South Common Passage, **West by :** KTK Nambiar's and V.A. Krishnamurthy's Property, **North by :** Remaining portion of property belonging to Mr. V.A. Krishnamurthy, **South by :** Mr. V.A. Krishnamurthy's Property and Common Wall.

ADVOCATE : **PB RAJU**
No. 843/A, 100 Feet Road,
Indiranagar, Bangalore - 560 038.
CONTACT No.: 9845295136 / 8296563656

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Open E-Tender Notice

Chief Project Manager, Gati-Shakati unit, N.W.Railway, Jaipur for and on behalf of President of India invites open E-Tender for the following works upto 15.30 hours on the date shown as below: **Name of work with location:** GSU-ENGG-JP-2025-26-09, Dy. CE (GSU) JP:-Providing FOBs along with PFs raising/extension, PF Shelters & other ancillary civil engg works at various stations of JP Division, **Approx Cost of work:** 635689959.74, **Bid Security Rs.:** 3328500/-. 1. Detail is available on N. W.Rly website-www.ireps.gov.in and Notice Board in CPM/GSU/JP Office, NWR/Jaipur. 2. Tender No. GSU-ENGG-JP-2025-26-09 is be closed on 25.08.25 at 15.30 hrs and opened on 25.08.25 at 16.00 hrs. **940-PS/25**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This Notice is issued on behalf of My client **Sri.Ramesh.H.K S/o Sri.Kariyanna** to bring the notice of the general public that, he is intends to purchase the schedule property from Smt. Shashikala Tukaram **Vasther W/o.** Tukaram **N. Vasther.**

If any, person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the Schedule Property by way of inheritance, sale, agreement, mortgage, lease, lien, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or encumbrance howsoever or otherwise is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within **Seven (07) days** from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/their share or claim, with all supporting documents failing which reference to such claim and the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated as waived and not binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of immovable residential property bearing Western portion of property No.273/176, Presently BBMP E-Property No.134/273/176/156/2, E.P.I.D No.2529932472, Khatha No.156, Sy/Assessment No.85/9, situated at **Salapuradamma extension, Srigandakavalu Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North to Taluk.** Presently within the limits of BBMP, ward No.73-Kottigepalya, Measuring East to West: **25ft** and North to South: **30ft,** in all measuring **750 Sq.ft.,** and Bounded as:

East by : Remaining portion of same property, West by : Property belonging to Smt.Honamma, North by : Road, South by : Road.

H. Prahlada, Advocate & Solicitor,
For H.P.Law, #2, 3rd Floor, Venkateshwara Complex, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore-560022
M : 7760061073

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE No.H-GS-UBL-03-2025-26 Dated 24-07-2025

The undersigned on behalf of the President of India invites E-tenders for the following work.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Conducting Feasibility Survey, preparation and submission of ESP, GADs, etc., for various railway stations over Hubballi Division.	Rs. 49,67,486/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs on 22-08-2025**

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the **ARM - II Branch, Bangalore of Canara Bank,** the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM - II Branch, Bangalore** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of outstanding dues from below mentioned Borrowers. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below.

Sl. No.	Borrower Name/ Description of the movable / immovable assets:	Total Liabilities as per Sale Notice	Description of Immovable Properties(Name of owner/mortgagor to be mentioned)	Auction Date & Time	Reserve Price & EMD	1) Incremental value at the Bid 2) Sale Notice Date
1	**(1) M/s Rashmi Marketing,** No 102 A, Sompura 1st stage, Industrial Area situated at Sy No Parts of 9 & 12, Bharathipura, Hobli, Sompura Taluk, Nelamangala District, Bengaluru Rural, Koratagere-572121 **Also at : M/s Rashmi Marketing,** # 15 & 16,Annapoorneshwari Industrial Area, Kanakapura Main Road, Doddakallasandra, Bangalore-560062 **Also at : M/s Rashmi Marketing,** # 134/2, 5th J Cross, Chunchaghatta Main Road, MM Clinic, Ganapathipura, J.P Nagar, Bangalore-560078 **Also at : M/s Rashmi Marketing,** No 446/16/4, Billanakote Village, Kuluvanahalli Gram Panchayat, Nelamangala, Sompura, Bengaluru-562111 **(2) Mrs Rashmi JM,** W/o K Govindarajulu, No 48/19, 13th Main Jagruthi Colony, Puttenahalli JP Nagar VII phase, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560068 **Also at : Mrs Rashmi JM,** No 72/B, 3rd Main Road, Guru Raghavendra Nagar, 7th phase, JP Nagar, Bengaluru-560078 **(3) Sri R Mohan Babu ,** Laxmi Nilaya, 3737, Chennakeshava Temple Street, Nelamangala, Karnataka-562123.	**Rs. 98,16,633.13/- (Rupees Ninety Eight Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Three and Thirteen paisa only) as on 30.07.2025 plus further interest thereon and other expenses**	Property No.1 : All that piece and parcel of Property present Municipal Khaneshumari No.315/287, Old Khaneshumari No: 281/276, former Khaneshumari No: 251/233, situated at Devanga Street, Nelamangala Town, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, measuring East to West 30 ½ feet and North to South 40 feet, totally measuring 1220 sq ft together with the building / house constructed thereon bounded as follows: North by: Road,South by: Property of Shivanna, East by: Road,West by: Site of Karnataka Gangappa's Children.	**21.08.2025 from 1:00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m**	**Rs. 140.00 Lakhs EMD: Rs.14.00 Lakhs on or before 20.08.2025**	**(1) Rs. 1,00,000/- (2) 31.07.2025**

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS (a) Auction/bidding shall be only through **"Online Electronic Bidding"** through the **website https://baanknet.com/** Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings. (b) The proeprty can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorized officer. (c) The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process.(d) EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (Baanknet)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the **EMD through RTGS/NEFT** in the account details as mentioned in the said challan.(e) After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before **20.08.2025,** mentioned above, to **Canara Bank, ARM - II Branch, Bangalore** by hand OR Email. (i) Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT, acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No. (ii) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount. (iii) Bid form to be submitted by Bidder. The intending bidders should register their names at portal **https://baanknet.com/** and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider **M/s.PSB Alliance (Baanknet) - e- mail: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com** EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD shall not carry any interest. (f) Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiplies of **Rs.1,00,000/-.** The bidder who submits the highest bid (above the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor.(g) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorised Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. This amount shall be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, ARM II Branch OR shall be deposited through RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer to credit of account of **Canara Bank, ARM II Branch, A/c. No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0006298.** (h) For sale proceeds of **Rs.50.00 lacs (Rupees Fifty lacs)** and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at the rate 1% on the Sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the Bank. (i) All charges for conveyance, stamp duty/GST, registration charges, tax arrears, other charges, dues etc., as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only. (j) Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the e-auction without assigning any reason thereof. (k) In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the e-auction, they can approach concerned Circle office or Canara Bank ARM II branch who, as a facilitating centre, shall make necessary arrangements.(l) Bidder has to make due diligence and physical verification of property with regard to title, extent, area dues, etc. No claim subsequent to submission of bid shall be entertained by the bank.

For further details contact **Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, ARM Branch-2- (9113092975, 8921102717, 9993777728, 9483544116, 8709675503 and 080-25310181) e-mail id – cb6298@canarabank.com OR the service provider M/s.PSB Alliance (BAANKNET)-e- mail: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com**

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION / CAUTION

Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back–up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Date : 31.07.2025
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised officer
Canara Bank

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E-AUCTION Sale of Properties on 21.08.2025

Last date of EMD : 20.08.2025

ARM – 2 Branch, 2nd Floor, No. 86, Spencers Tower, M.g. Road, Bangalore – 560001. Ph No. : 080-25310181 E-Mail – cb6298@canarabank.com

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described imovable propeties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical/Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM Branch-2,** Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **21.08.2025 at 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM,** through E-Auction under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

For details with regard to E-Auction & digital signature please contact the service provider **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited, Helpdesk Number : 8291220220, Website: https://baanknet.com/**

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of E-Wallet of **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **20.08.2025.**

(Rs. in lacs)

Sl.No.	Name and address of the Borrower / Guarantor / Mortgagor	Description of the immovable assets	Total Dues Possession Type	a. Reserve Price b. EMD c. Incremental Bid
1.	**1. The Managing Director M/s Technospark Industries India Pvt Ltd** 1341, Kavalbyrasandra, R T Nagar Post, (Near DR.Ambedkar Medical College), Bengaluru – 560032 Karnataka **Also at :** Plot No. 178-A2 & 179-A, KIADB Industrial Area, Vasanthanarasapura 1st Phase, Nagenahalli Post, Kora Hobli, Tumkur – 572 128. **2.Mr Mohan Suresh (Managing Director and Guarantor)** Flat No 604, Block No.E-2, Unit No.WH-87, VI Floor, Sri Ram White House, VI Main, 15th cross, R T Nagar, Bengaluru 560 032. **Also at :** A 1501, Vaishnavi Terrace,Dollars Colony, JP Nagar 4th Phase, Bengaluru 560 078,Karnataka **3. Mrs. Surekha Suresh (Director and Guarantor)** Flat No 604, Block No.E-2, Unit No.WH-87, VI Floor, Sri Ram White House, VI Main, 15th cross, R T Nagar, Bengaluru 560 032 **Also at :** A 1501, Vaishnavi Terrace, Dollars Colony, JP Nagar 4th Phase, Bengaluru 560 078, Karnataka **4. Mr M Sanjeev (Guarantor)** No 359, 17th A Cross, 26th Main Road, J P Nagar 6th Phase, Bangalore-560078.	All that piece and parcel of land and building existing and / or to be constructed there on in Sri Ram White House Apartment Complex House No WH-37, in Block AIII on the fifth floor, Apartment No 501, Survey No 37 located at VI Main, 15th cross, R T Nagar, Bangalore-32, together with easementary and appurtments thereto in the name of Mrs. Surekha Suresh and Mr. Mohan Suresh, and bounded as follows:- **East by-** Storm Water drain, **West by** -BDA Road,**North by** - Remaining portion of Property bearing Sy No 37, pertaining to White House Project And **South by -** Private Property.	**Rs. 47,95,65,727** as on **30.06.2025** plus further interest and cost thereon	a) ₹ 1,53,00,000/- b) ₹ 15,30,000/- c) ₹ 2,00,000/-
	All that piece and parcel of property **Flat Number 1 in the name of Mr. Mohan Suresh** situated on the ground floor of the multistoried building known as 'FAMILY YMCA" constructed in the property bearing No 57/4, PID No 92-30-57/4 situated at Miller Road within the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No 92 (old Corporation Division No 47) measuring super built up area of 1430 square feet in Bangalore along with 286 square feet undivided share and bounded as follows; **East-** Premises Number 1 & 1/1, Bore Bank Road, **West-** Premises No 56 of Millers Road, **North-** Premises No 3 Bore Bank Road and **South-** Miller Road and Premises No 56, Miller Road (in between Cantonment Railway Station under bridge and St. Johns Church). All that piece and parcel of property **Flat Number 2 in the name of Mr. Mohan Suresh** situated on the first floor of the multistoried building known as "FAMILY YMCA" constructed in the property bearing No 57/5, PID No 92-30-57/5 situated at Miller Road within the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No 92 (old Corporation Division No 47) measuring super built up area of 1430 square feet in Bangalore along with 286 square feet undivided share and bounded as follows; **East-** Premises Number 1 & 1/1, Bore Bank Road, **West-** Premises No 56 of Millers Road, **North-** Premises No 3 Bore Bank Road And **South-** Millers Road and Premises No 56, Millers Road (in between Cantonment Railway Station under bridge and St. Johns Church. All that piece and parcel of property **Flat Number 3 in the name of Mr. Mohan Suresh** situated on the second floor of the multistoried building known as 'FAMILY YMCA" constructed in the property bearing No 57/6, PID No 92-30-57/6 situated at Miller Road within the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No 92 (old Corporation Division No 47) measuring super built up area of 1430 square feet in Bangalore along with 286 square feet undivided share and bounded as follows; **East-** Premises Number 1 & 1/1, Bore Bank Road , **West-** Premises No 56 of Millers Road, **North-** Premises No 3 Bore Bank Road, **South-** Millers Road and Premises No 56, Millers Road (in between Cantonment Railway Station under bridge and St. Johns Church).		a) ₹ 3,97,00,000/- b) ₹ 39,70,000/- c) ₹ 2,00,000/-
	All that piece and parcel ofproperty **Flat Number 4, in the name of M/s Technospark Industries India Private Ltd,** in the 3rd floor, admeasuring Super Built up area of 1430 square feet and 100 square feet land in the back yard to erect lift in the multistoried building known as "Family YMCA" constructed in the property bearing Muncipal No 57, PID No 92-30-57, situated at Millers Road, within the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No 92 (old Corporation Division number 47) Bangalore along with 286 square feet undivided share and bounded as follows; **East-** Premises Number 1 & 1/1, Bore Bank Road & site nos 1/2, 1/3, 1/4, 1/5 and 1/6, Bore Bank Road, **West-** Premises No 56 of Millers Road, Premises No 38/B, 38/K, 38/J, 38/G, 38/H and Millers Road, , the last four premises situated on the New Road Running near premises number 38/B, Benson Cross and Cottage Belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, **North-** Premises No 3 Bore Bank Road & Cottage belonging to Mr.Abdul Wajid and another. And **South-** Millers Road and Premises No 56, Millers Road.		a) ₹ 1,29,00,000/- b) ₹ 12,90,000/- c) ₹ 2,00,000/-
	Property No.152500900601920013, Plot No. 178-A2 & 179-A, Sy. No.50, Khata No. 37/37/178/A2/179/A, Vasanthanarasapura Induatrial Area, Nagenahalli village, Kora Hobli, Tumkur. **North :** Plot No 178 A1 and 178 B, **South :** Plot No 179 C, **East :** 18 metre wide road no 20, **West :** Parking.		a) ₹ 7,17,00,000/- b) ₹ 71,70,000/- c) ₹ 2,00,000/-

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.canarabank.com/english/announcements/sale-notice/karnataka/ provided on the Secured Creditors' Website i.e www.canarabank.com. or may contact Chief Manager, ARM Branch II Bangalore, Canara Bank, Ph. No.,9113092975,8921102717,9201460154,9483544116,8709675503 and 080-25310181, during office hours on any working day.

Place: Bangalore
Date : 31.07.2025

Sd/- Authorized Officer,
Canara Bank

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E-AUCTION NOTICE

SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION (ONLINE AUCTION)
UNDER RULES 8(6) & (9) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

Notice is hereby given to the effect that the immovable properties described herein, taken possession under the provisions of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, will be sold by inviting tenders on the following terms & conditions. E auction arranged by the service provider **M/s PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) .** through the website **https://BAANKNET.COM//**

Sl. No.	1)Name of the Borrower / Guarantor(s) 2)Name of the Branch and Secured Creditor	1) Secured Debt outstanding 2) Reserve Price 3) Earnest Money Deposit	1) Last date of deposit of EMD 2) Last date of KYC documents 3) EMD Details 4) Bid Factor	1. Date of Auction 2. Time of Auction 3. Date & Time of Inspection
1	**1) BORROWER (S) : 1) Sri Sudhir Kumar Sahu S/o Sri Sushil Kumar Sahu 2) Smt Shantha Kumari B** **Both Are At :** No. 12 Indrashree, 1st Main Road, Amarjyothi layout, 1st Cross, Cholanagara, Hebbal Bangalore- 560024. **Also at : Sri Sudhir Kumar Sahu,** Flat No. G-07, Sapna A partments, Ground Floor,Block 2, Basavapura, Devasandra Main Road, Swatantranagar,KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore- 560049 **3) Mr. Allen Jacob S/o Anthony Jacob(Guarantor)** No. 45, 4th Main, Anandanagara SBM Colony, Bangalore-560024. **2) Canara Bank - Vasanth Nagar Branch Mob. No. 9494372709**	**1) Rs.66,65,616.20** plus further interest & charges **2) Mentioned each property below.**	**1) 19.08.2025** upto 5.00 pm **2) 19.08.2025** upto 6.00 pm 3)EMD payment to E-Wallet or Through Challan generated in M/S PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET) Portal. **4) Rs.20,000/-**	**1. 20.08.2025 2. 11.00 am to 2.00 PM 3. 18.08.2025 10.00 am to 2.00 pm**
	Description of the immovable/ movable assets: All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Flat No. G-07, Ground floor, Sapna Apartments, Block-2, Survey No.24,Basavapura,Swatantra nagar, Devasandra Main Road, Krishna Raja Puram Hobli, Bengaluru- 560046 within the registration Sub-District K R Puram, and district Bengaluru. Bounded on the **As per Deed : East by :** Private Property, **West by :** 30 feet Road, **North by :** 20 feet Road and **South by :** Property No.35 & 36. **For Flat : East by :** Flat Entrance, **West by :** Flat No.G-08, **North by :** Flat No.G-06 and **South by :** Private Property. **A) RESERVE PRICE - Rs 18,25,000/- B) EMD - Rs. 1,82,000/-**			
2	**1) BORROWER (S) : 1) Shri SreenivasaBabu V 2) MrsPreethi S Babu** **Both are at:** Flat No. S-08, Sapna Apartments, Block 2, Basavapura, Devasandra Main Road KP Puram Main Road Bangalore- 560049. **3) Mr. Naveen Kumar V** (Guarantor), No. 27, Benaka Rajashree Layout 3rd cross, Munekolala, Bangalore-560037 . **2) Canara Bank - Vasanth Nagar Branch Mob. No. 9494372709**	**1) Rs.37,84,132.20** plus further interest & charges **2) Mentioned each property below.**	**1) 19.08.2025** upto 5.00 pm **2) 19.08.2025** upto 6.00 pm 3)EMD payment to E-Wallet or Through Challan generated in M/S PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET) Portal. **4) Rs.20,000/-**	**1. 20.08.2025 2. 11.00 am to 2.00 PM 3. 18.08.2025 10.00 am to 2.00 pm**
	Description of the immovable/ movable assets: Residential Building in the name of Mr. Srinivasa Babu & Smt.Preethi S Babu at Site No. 30, CMS Khata No. 557, Survey No. 24, Flat no. S-08 & S-09 (3BHK), at Sapna Block II, Second Floor, Site No. 30, Basavapura Village,Swatantra Nagar Main Road, Krishna Raja Puram Hobli, Bengaluru- 560049. Bounded On the : **As per Deed : East by :** Private Property, **West by :** 30 feet Road, **North by :** 20 feet Road and **South by :** Property No.35 & 36. **For Flat : East by :** Flat Entrance, **West by :** Open to Sky, **North by :** Flat No.S-10 and **South by :** Open to Sky. **A) RESERVE PRICE - Rs 31,15,000/- B) EMD - Rs.3,12,000/-**			
3	**1) BORROWER (S) : 1. SUNIL SINGH 2) PRATHIBHA SUNIL SINGH W/O Sunil Singh L** **Both Are At:** 122 123 C 4th Cross, S V G Nagar, Moodalapalya, Nagarbhavi Main Road, Bengaluru- 560072. **2) Canara Bank - Kidwai Memorial institute of Onconology Mob. No. 9663662883**	**1) Rs.76,41,008.30** plus further interest & charges **2) Mentioned each property below.**	**1) 19.08.2025** upto 5.00 pm **2) 19.08.2025** upto 6.00 pm 3)EMD payment to E-Wallet or Through Challan generated in M/S PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET) Portal. **4) Rs.50,000/-**	**1. 20.08.2025 2. 11.00 am to 2.00 PM 3. 18.08.2025 10.00 am to 2.00 pm**
	Description of the immovable/ movable assets: The schedule apartment bearing No.103 on the First Floor in the building known as 'SRI RAVI ENCLAVE' with super built up area of 1268sq.ft with one covered car parking space in the Basement with 426 sq.ft of undivided share and interest in the composite property bearing site numbers: 1 to 12,now having clubbed katha no.1-12/42/43-1/43/3-341,carved out of a converted land in Sy.No.42,situated at Kenchenahalli village,Kengeri Hobli,Bangalore south taluk, Bangalore in the layout known as 'Sapthagiri layout' formed on the converted lands bearing Sy.No.42,43/1&43/3 and now under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike ward No.129,Janabharathi measuring East to West (96+70)/2 feet and North to South 360 feet,totally measuring 29,880 sq.feet and bounded by : **As per Deed : East by :** Pantharapalya village Boundary, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Land bearing Sy.No.20 and **South by :** Site No.13 belonging to Sri.Bage Gowda. **For Flat : East by :** Open to Sky, **West by :** Corridor, **North by :** Flat No.FF-101 and **South by :** Flat No.FF-105. **A) RESERVE PRICE - Rs 54,63,000/- B) EMD - Rs.5,46,000/-**			

For all details contact at Regional Office, MG Road, Bangalore. Contact Numbers - 1) 79074 16232, 2) 70107 03787

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please logon to our website **www.canarabank.com** under "E-Auction" or contact the branch.

Place: Bangalore
Date : 31.07.2025

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From Page One

Suspended IPS officers given postings

Taking serious note of the lapses on part of the city police during stampede, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had ordered suspension of Mr. Dayananda and his team, who were in-charge of the stadium security. The government also ordered the CID to probe the incident in detail, which is pending. Mr. Vikash challenged his suspension before the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), which revoked the order. The government has challenged the CAT order in the High Court, which is pending. The government ordered two probes led by Bengaluru Urban DC G. Jagadeesha and Justice John Michael Cunha, based on which the Cabinet on July 24 decided to initiate legal action against IPL franchise Royal Challengers Bengaluru, the Karnataka State Cricket Association, and event management company DNA Network, and a departmental inquiry against five officers.

Karnataka Food Safety and Drug Administration shifts focus to trans fat reduction in cooking oil

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After a crackdown on food additives, the State Food Safety and Drug Administration has now turned its attention towards tackling trans fat in cooking oil, with a focus on improving public health and food safety.

In a video conference, chaired by the Commissioner of Food Safety and Drug Administration on Wednesday, key stakeholders, including district officials, hotel and bakery association representatives, RUCO (Repurpose Used Cooking Oil) agency heads, and members of the Karnataka State Bio-Diesel Development Board, gathered to discuss a multi-pronged strategy.

All cooking oil manufacturers have been directed to ensure strict hygiene in production, labelling as per FSSAI norms, and mandatory fortification of the oil with Vitamins A and D.

The commissioner directed all cooking oil manufacturers to ensure strict hygiene in production, proper labelling per FSSAI norms, and mandatory fortification of cooking oil with Vitamin A and D. Manufacturers were also advised to conduct oil quality analysis every six months to ensure compliance.

U.S. Vishal Rao, oncologist and head and neck surgeon at HCG Cancer Centre, joined the meeting virtually and stressed the importance of using cooking oils with reduced trans fat.

He highlighted the link between trans fat and non-communicable diseases such as heart disease and cancer, urging the food industry to adopt healthier practices.

RUCO agency representatives informed the commissioner that 32.68 lakh litres of used cooking oil had been collected during 2024-25 and 2025-26.

Agencies were encouraged to ramp up collection efforts and supply the used oil to authorised bio-diesel units.

Strict instructions were issued to hotel and bakery operators to hand over used oil to registered RUCO agencies to prevent its reuse – a practice that poses serious health risks.

The food safety commissioner reiterated the administration's commitment to building a safer and healthier food ecosystem in Karnataka, with the reduction of trans fat and proper oil disposal emerging as key priorities.

Golflinks denies ties to Bescom or govt. departments

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Firm issues clarification on I-T survey

Golflinks Software Park Private Limited on Thursday clarified that the Income Tax searches on it has no connection to public officials, State government departments, Bescom contracts, or smart meter-related matters. Reports on Thursday had mentioned that Income Tax sleuths had raided Golflinks Software Park Private Limited in connection with smart meter-related matters.

"We formally and unequivocally clarify that the aforesaid Income Tax survey was a routine procedure carried out by the Income Tax Department under Section 133A of the Income Tax Act, 1961, and has no connection to public officials, State government departments, Bescom contracts, or smart meter-related matters," Jacob Kuruvilla, CEO of Golflinks, said in a release. He added that Golflinks Software Park Private Limited operates in full compliance with applicable laws and regulations. "Statutory filings, including Income Tax returns, have been duly and accurately submitted within the prescribed timelines, in accordance with the provisions of the Income Tax Act and related rules," he noted.

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(An Autonomous Organization of the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India) Rajendranagar, Hyderabad - 500 030, Telangana.

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Sd/- Director (Agricultural Extension) & CEO, M-FISHub

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Office Email Id : info@medtechsociety.in

TENDER NOTICE

Tenders are invited for the **Construction of Radiation Shielded Bunker at** AMTZ Campus, Visakhapatnam.

Interested contractors may request the tender document within one week of the Tender Notification by emailing **info@medtechsociety.in** with their company details and contact information.

The detailed scope of work, eligibility criteria, terms and conditions will be provided in the tender document.

Uttar Pradesh Medical Supplies Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of Uttar Pradesh Undertaking)
GSTIN: 09AACCU2250P1ZZ CIN: U85310UP2018SGC102425

Date: 30-07-2025

Tender Notice Invitation

Uttar Pradesh Medical Supplies Corporation Limited, Lucknow invites tenders on GeM Portal from eligible and qualified Manufacturer/Importer/Authorized Agent for supply of **following Medical Equipment**. The schedules of Tendering activities are as here under:

Sr. No.	Tender Ref. No. & Date	Items Name	Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting	Last Date & Submission of Online Bids	Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bids
1	GEM/2025/B/6512841 Dated: 30-07-2025	Power Generator-DG Set (up to 900 KVA)	07/08/2025 at 3:00 PM in Conference Hall of UPMSCL, Lucknow.	20/08/2025 up to 12:00 PM	20/08/2025 at 12:30 PM
2	GEM/2025/B/6508573 Dated: 30-07-2025	Electrolyte Analyzer	08/08/2025 at 4:00 PM in Conference Hall of UPMSCL, Lucknow.	20/08/2025 up to 18:00 PM	20/08/2025 at 18:30 PM
3	GEM/2025/B/6508238 Dated: 30-07-2025	ESR Analyzer	08/08/2025 at 4:00 PM in Conference Hall of UPMSCL, Lucknow.	20/08/2025 up to 18:00 PM	20/08/2025 at 18:30 PM
4	GEM/2025/B/6508774 Dated: 30-07-2025	Semi Automated Coagulation Analyzer	08/08/2025 at 4:00 PM in Conference Hall of UPMSCL, Lucknow.	20/08/2025 up to 18:00 PM	20/08/2025 at 18:30 PM
5	GEM/2025/B/6508667 Dated: 30-07-2025	Semi Automated Urine Analyzer	08/08/2025 at 4:00 PM in Conference Hall of UPMSCL, Lucknow.	20/08/2025 up to 18:00 PM	20/08/2025 at 18:30 PM
6	GEM/2025/B/6488103 Dated: 30-07-2025	High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) System	08/08/2025 at 4:00 PM in Conference Hall of UPMSCL, Lucknow.	20/08/2025 up to 13:00 PM	20/08/2025 at 13:30 PM
7	GEM/2025/B/6513923 Dated: 30-07-2025	Laboratory Deep Freezer	08/08/2025 at 3:30 PM in Conference Hall of UPMSCL, Lucknow.	20/08/2025 up to 15:00 PM	20/08/2025 at 15:30 PM

The details of tender notice are given on GeM Portal & UPMSCL website www.upmsc.in. Kindly check GeM Portal & UPMSCL website for any detail & updates.

Managing Director, UPMSCL
Department of Medical Health & Family Welfare, Uttar Pradesh

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E- TENDER NOTICE No. 21/MYS/2025 of 25.07.2025.

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Sl.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value
1	Birur - Talguppa sec: Provision of rail barricading along the track at road running parallel to track, cattle crossing and heavy trespassing locations for length of 7.20 kms.	Rs. 64,68,023/-
2	Arsikere: Reconstruction of TY-II staff quarters at Arsikere (6 units) in lieu of Quarters No.56/ A to H (Type-II, 8 units)	Rs. 1,52,39,364/-
3	Arsikere: Unloading, Leading And Stacking of P.Way Materials at P.Way Depot (SSE/P.Way/ Depot/ASK) for a period of two years.	Rs. 18,83,620/-
4	Hole Narsipur - Arsikere Section: Proposed Construction of Additional RUB with Cover Shed in Approaches (1 X 5m X 2.15m RCC Box with clear Height 2m) at KM 88/200 in lieu of closed LC No. 79 to avoid unauthorised crossing (Launching by crane method)	Rs. 4,92,10,381/-
5	Chikjajur - Rayadurg Sec: Through Formation Treatment of Bad formation with Blanketing along with Geo Textile and Geo Grid (2 layers) from km. 37/000 to 38/400 totalling for a length of 1400mtrs.	Rs. 2,35,39,874/-
6	Birur - Chikjajur- Karajgi section- TWS renewal on main line and on loop line -161 sets (1 in 12- 118 sets & 1 in 8.5- 43 sets)	Rs. 1,41,06,189/-
7	**Sub Work-I:-** Haveri - Provision of 1 lift each at PF No. 1 and 2 &3 on the existing FOB at Haveri. **Sub Work-II:-** Ashokapuram : Provision of 1 lift each at PF-1, PF-2&3, PF-4&5, and PF-6 on the existing FOB at Ashokapuram railway station (4 Nos). **Sub Work-III:-** Krishnarajanagar - Provision of 1 lift at PF 2 on the existing FOB	Rs. 2,45,80,626/-
8	Assistant Divisional Engineer/Chitradurga section: Repair/ Replacement of corroded/ damaged water supply line CHKE-520 m, and Improvements of OHT & GLR, supply and installation of control & monitoring system at Chikjajur & Chitradurga	Rs. 63,13,061/-
9	**Sub Work-I:** Provision of foundation for Porta cabins for rolling in and out examination in Mysuru yard (Type-I - 8 units, Type-II - 2 units). **Sub Work-II:** Provision of foundation for Porta cabins for rolling in and out examination in Ashokapuram yard (Type-I - 6 units, Type-II - 2 units). **Sub Work-III:** Sakleshpur : Provision of Foundation for Rolling IN/OUT Examination Hut (Porta Cabin) @ Sakleshpur	Rs. 17,29,070/-
10	Mysuru: Construction of RCC box drain cum compound wall along railway boundary parallel to stabling line Upto STP to treat sewage water as per NGT guidelines	Rs. 2,37,05,197/-
11	Mysuru - Arsikere Section: Replacement of existing stone slab bridges (6 Nos.) - Br. No. 1, Br. No. 8, Br. No. 11, Br. No. 74, Br. No. 79 & Br. No. 110 - with RCC box. **Sub Work-I:** Mysuru-Arsikere Section: Replacement of existing stone slab (1x1.22m SPAN) Bridge No.1 at KM. 164/800-900 with single RCC box of size 1 x 2.00m x 2.15m between Habanghatta-Arsikere stations. (Cut & Cover Method - Launching By Crane). **Sub Work-II:** Mysuru-Arsikere Section: Replacement of existing stone slab (1x1.22m Span) Bridge No.8 at KM. 159/100-200 with single RCC box of size 1 x 2.00m x 2.00m between Habanghatta-Arsikere Stations. (Rolling In/ Launching Method). **Sub Work-III:** Mysuru-Arsikere Section: Replacement of existing stone slab (1x1.22m Span) Bridge No.11 at KM. 155/500-600 with single RCC box of size 1 x 2.00m x 2.50m between Habanghatta-Arsikere Stations. (Cut & Cover Method - Launching By Crane). **Sub Work-IV:** Mysuru-Arsikere Section: Replacement of existing stone slab (1x1.22m Span) Bridge No.74 @ KM 107/500-600 extended as RCC pipe (1x1.20m Dia) on U/S side and as RCC L-Beam on D/S side with RCC box of size 1 x 2.00m x 2.50m between Hole Narsipur-Mavinkere Stations. (Rolling In/ Launching Method). **Sub Work-V:** Mysuru-Arsikere Section: Replacement of existing stone Slab (1 x 1.20m Span) Bridge No.79 at KM. 105/600-700 with single RCC box of size 1 x 2.0m x 1.8m between Mavinkere-Hassan Stations. (Rolling In/ Launching Method). **Sub Work-VI:** Mysuru-Arsikere Section: Replacement of existing stone slab (1x1.22m Span) Bridge No.110 at KM:88/700-800 extended as RCC Slab (1x1.22m Span) with single RCC box of size 1 x 2.00m x 2.50m between Hole Narsipur-Mavinkere Stations. (Rolling In/ Launching Method)	Rs. 4,34,15,451/-
12	**Sub Work-I:** Mysuru - Provision of Auditorium building at Vontikoppal Railway Colony Mysuru (only civil works). **Sub Work-II:** Mysuru - Construction of 06 units servant quarters at VRC colony (only civil works). **Sub Work-III:** Improvements to Oddarahalli at Sakleshpur (only civil works)	Rs. 4,93,24,428/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs on 19-08-2025**
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

PUB/342/AAS/PRB/SWR/2025-26 **Senior Divisional Engineer/Co-ordination, Mysuru**

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Govt. will focus on establishing Karnataka as a global exporter of quantum solutions, says CM

State govt. has announced ambitious vision for 2035 to create $20 billion quantum advantage-driven economy

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, his cabinet collegues and others release a booklet during the 'Quantum India Bengaluru 2025 ', in Bengaluru, Thursday; (Below) Nobel laureates Prof. Duncan Haldane, left, and Prof. David Gross at the summit. PTI

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah described quantum technology as the force that will redefine Karnataka's capabilities across several sectors during his inaugural address of Quantum India Bengaluru 2025 on Thursday. The State also set a mandate to create a quantum economy worth $20 billion by 2035.

"Quantum technology represents a strategic frontier with the potential to fundamentally transform how global industries solve their most complex challenges. It is not just the future, it is the force that will redefine Karnataka's capabilities in healthcare, education, energy, infrastructure, and cybersecurity," the Chief Minister said.

Quantum India Bengaluru is being jointly organised by the Department of Science and Technology and IISc Quantum Technology Initiative

"Our focus is on the indigenization of quantum technologies and on establishing Karnataka as a global exporter of quantum solutions, unlocking innovations that were once thought to be out of reach," Mr. Siddaramaiah added.

Quantum road map

Karnataka Quantum Roadmap, which outlined the State's strategic vision for quantum leadership was announced at the event. Built on five pillars: talent, R&D, infrastructure, industry enablement and global partnership, the roadmap would adopt a phased, outcome-driven approach and focus on aligning academia with industry.

According to the Chief Minister, the plan includes large-scale skill development, advanced research targets, infrastructure expansion, startup funding and global collaboration. It aims to support 150 PhD fellowships each year and roll out quantum skilling programmes across 20 colleges to build a technical workforce ready for jobs in hardware, software, and applied research.

The State government also announced an ambitious vision for 2035 to create $20 billion quantum advantage-driven economy. The State has also established the country's first dedicated Quantum Research Park at IISc with ₹48 crore sanctioned for its phase 2 expansion.

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>
> **SIDDARAMAIAH**
> Chief Minister

The government was also planning a Quantum City, a world class innovation cluster for research, advanced manufacturing, education, start-ups and government initiative.

A special State quantum mission will also be instituted.

N.S. Boseraju, Minister for Minor Irrigation and Science and Technology, said, the State was committed to supporting cutting-edge research attracting world-class quantum companies and nurturing deep-tech start-ups.

Quantum City

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar said, "We envision Bengaluru evolving into the world's first Quantum City, where research, talent, and industry converge."

"Our efforts begin in the classroom, with quantum education entering schools and universities to prepare the next generation. This revolution must be inclusive, and Karnataka is committed to building a robust ecosystem through research parks, startup hubs, and strong policy support," Mr. Shivakumar added.

'Scientific culture in varsities key for nations to take part in second quantum revolution'

The Hindu Bureau
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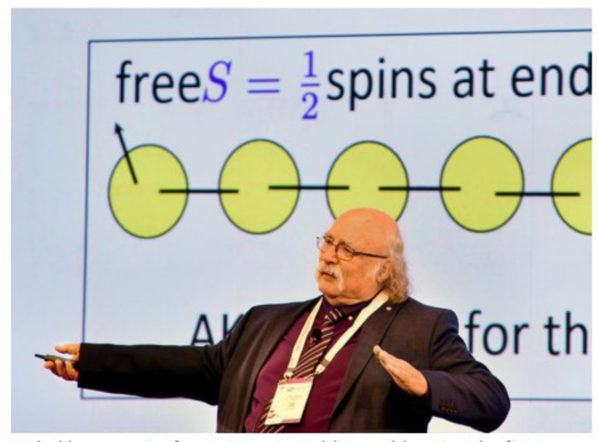

Nobel laureate Professor Duncan Haldane addressing the first edition of Quantum India Bengaluru 2025, in Bengaluru on Thursday. ALLEN EGENUSE J.

Terming the developments in quantum science today as the second quantum revolution, Duncan Haldane, British physicist and co-recipient of the 2016 Nobel Prize in Physics, said that the ability of countries to participate in it will depend on having a vibrant scientific culture in their universities.

He was delivering the keynote session at the first day of Quantum India Bengaluru 2025.

"The ability of countries to take part in the ongoing second quantum revolution will be dependent on having a vibrant scientific culture in their universities, where quantum-literate researchers and future technologists are trained," he said.

Professor Haldane noted that it is important for any country to have at least one place where world-class science is done because that serves as an example to their young people who want to go into science.

"Government investment in science education, and allowing universities and institutes to participate in world-class science, will pay back many times over if it produces a local culture where innovation in quantum and other new technologies can flourish locally, with startups, etc," he said.

Professor Haldane expressed optimism in the efforts of the Government of Karnataka in this direction.

Noting that quantum uses are growing every day, he stressed the importance of collaboration among three communities, namely toy-model builders, people with deep and sophisticated mathematical skills and entrepreneurs.

While toy-model builders were critical to find what kind of unexpected physics can in principle occur, mathematically sophisticated people are required to understand why it happens, he explained.

"You need cutting-edge technology and material science to bring these things to a reality. Otherwise, they're just pipe dreams on a piece of paper," he said.

Stressing the importance of entrepreneurs, he said they were crucial to look at science and decide if it is really viable.

"If it seems viable, they are the ones who have got to make it happen. Without all this coming together, we will not get the advances that we need," he said.

Talking about the possibilities of quantum science, he noted that whether or not quantum computers live up to their promised potential, quantum devices as a whole, probably coupled with AI, will be transformative for technology now and in the near future.

In a world of sanctions, India should develop specific tech like quantum: Ajai Chowdhry

The Hindu Bureau
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When all kinds of sanctions are coming up in the world, it is important for India to develop and implement very specific technologies, and quantum is one of them, said Ajai Chowdhry, Chairman, Mission Governing Board of National Quantum Mission and EPIC Foundation.

Autonomy in tech areas

According to Mr. Chowdhry, the country required strategic autonomy, especially in critical tech areas under threat of international sanctions.

A national plan was developed years ago for a large-scale quantum machine, now involving numerous institutions.

Quantum Mission

The government has already recognised these areas under the National Quantum Mission, earmarked ₹4,000 crore for quantum technology to be developed in India.

Of this, over ₹2000 crore is for Space, Sefence, Atomic Energy and MeitY, he said, speaking at a fireside chat with Priyank Kharge, Karnataka's Minister for IT/BT, at Quantum India Bengaluru, a new annual exposition launched by Karnataka on Thursday.

"Quantum communication is a current strength in computing, however, India is a little behind but progress is ongoing," he added.

National startup schemes were designed to promote quantum innovation, offering sizeable funding without initial equity demands, and startups could now apply at any time, and targets were tied to further funding increases, Mr. Chowdhry added.

On Karnataka's focus on quantum technology, Mr. Kharge said the State government recognised the need for more investment in quantum technology, not just at the top, but starting "at the bottom of the pyramid." The recent budgets allocated funds for quantum initiatives, he said. The chat session focused on academia-industry collaboration, emphasised the need for committee formation, the need for curriculum changes and the need for building an ecosystem for quantum and AI.

It also focused on startup and industry engagement, State and Central funding, and strategic autonomy.

Layoffs: State Labour Department sends notice to TCS, calls for meeting

Shilpa Elizabeth
BENGALURU

In the wake of a controversy erupting around a layoff announcement and alleged forced resignations at IT major Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), sources claimed that the Labour Department has sent a notice to the company after the Karnataka State IT/ITeS Employees Union (KITU) filed a case of an industrial dispute.

Turmoil at TCS

The Hindu has also learnt that a conciliation meeting will be held on August 6 between KITU representatives and the TCS management in the presence of Labour Department officials.

On July 27, TCS announced that the company would release 2% of its global workforce. This would account to more than 12,000 employees. Allegations of forced resignations have also surfaced after the company introduced a new 'Bench Policy', which limits an employee's duration on the bench to 35 hours annually. Workers note that not only does this transfer the onus of finding projects onto them, but also is too little time to find suitable projects. Following these developments, union representatives met Labour Department officials on July 29, and filed a case against TCS regarding illegal mass retrenchment, demanding prosecution of the management for violating provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, and the conditions imposed by the government of Karnataka concerning the reporting of service particulars. According to the Industrial Disputes Act, companies employing more than 100 workers are required to obtain prior approval from the government before carrying out any layoffs or retrenchments. Such retrenchments are permitted only for specific reasons and under conditions clearly defined in the Act. The union claims to have received several complaints from TCS employees who were reportedly being forced by the management to resign. According to a mid-management level TCS employee *The Hindu* spoke to, several hundreds of employees from Bengaluru office of the company have been forced to resign in the last two weeks. Multiple IT and ITeS unions have established help desks. KITU reported receiving more than 25 calls on its helpline from employees being forced to resign.

TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES

On July 27, TCS announced that the company would release 2% of its global workforce.

Response from TCS

On contacting TCS, *The Hindu* received the following response from the company: "TCS is on a journey to become a Future-Ready organization.

"This includes strategic initiatives on multiple fronts, including investing in new-tech areas, entering new markets, deploying AI at scale for our clients and ourselves, deepening our partnerships, creating next-gen infrastructure and realigning our workforce model.

"Towards this, a number of reskilling and redeployment initiatives have been underway. As part of this journey, we will also be releasing associates from the organization whose deployment may not be feasible. This will impact about 2% of our global workforce, primarily in the middle and the senior grades, over the course of the year.

"This transition is being planned with due care to ensure there is no impact on service delivery to our clients. "We understand that this is a challenging time for our colleagues likely to be affected. We thank them for their service, and we will be making all efforts to provide appropriate benefits, outplacement, counselling, and support as they transition to new opportunities."

World Lung Cancer Day: 'Early detection is crucial to tackling the silent killer'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Recently, a 48-year-old man with a history of smoking experienced back pain and difficulty in walking. He initially visited a physician who prescribed painkillers, but the discomfort persisted. Later, he consulted a neurologist who advised an MRI of the spine. The scan revealed signs of cancer, and a follow-up chest X-ray confirmed that the primary issue was in the lungs. The lung cancer had spread to his spine, causing spinal compression.

Asserting that this case underlines how lung cancer often goes unnoticed until it has significantly progressed, Sachin Kumar, director, pulmonology and critical care medicine, Sakra World Hospital, where his cancer was diagnosed, said it is crucial to raise awareness that the disease may not always begin with clear symptoms. "Timely health screenings can make a major difference," he said.

To raise awareness about lung cancer, its impact, and the importance of early detection and prevention, World Lung Cancer Day is observed annually on August 1.

World Lung Cancer Day is observed on August 1. REPRESENTATIONAL IMAGE

Risk factors

"While smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke are major risk factors, cases are now emerging in non-smokers as well. Factors such as genetics and environmental triggers may also play a role in deteriorating lung health," Dr. Sachin said.

Urging people to take proactive steps in protecting their lung health, doctors asserted that early detection can save lives in the fight against this often silent disease.

Echoing the concern, Sunil Kumar K., lead consultant, interventional pulmonology, Aster CMI Hospital, said the biggest challenge of lung cancer is late diagnosis.

'Low-dose CT scans can now detect small tumours early, improving the chances of curative treatment'

"Symptoms such as mild cough, breathlessness, or chest pain are often ignored or mistaken for other common conditions. By the time patients come to us, the disease is already in advanced stages," he said.

Highlighting recent advances in technology, Dr. Sunil Kumar emphasised that low-dose CT scans can now detect small tumours early, improving the chances of curative treatment. "With early-stage detection, patients may avoid chemotherapy or radiation altogether, instead benefiting from surgery or targeted therapies," he said.

Both doctors strongly advocated regular health checks, especially for high-risk individuals such as smokers and those exposed to industrial fumes, firewood smoke, or heavy pollution. Symptoms such as unexplained weight loss, chronic cough, or blood in sputum should not be ignored.

Incidence

In Karnataka, the incidence of cancer is increasing by about 1% each year in both men and women. Nearly 6% of around 88,000 cancer cases recorded in Karnataka every year are lung cancers.

According to data from the State-run Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, the institute sees around 25,000 new cancer cases every year. In 2024, about 21,051 new cases were registered, and over 3.89 lakh cancer patients had visited the institute for follow-up. Of the new cases, over 6% were diagnosed as lung cancers.

"Awareness and timely medical attention can turn this silent killer into a treatable condition," the doctors said, adding that a simple scan at the right time can save a life.

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82025019	Sale of Sodium Hypochlorite (Bleach Liquid) (45-55 GPL)	16.08.2025

Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL Website and NIC Portal. Detailed Terms & conditions, tender fee, EMD etc., are available in the tender document which can be downloaded from websites : **www.tnpl.com / https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**

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E-TENDER PUBLICATION

About inviting e-tender for hiring the services of staff from Human Resource Organization on outsource basis under MGNREGA Scheme in Gadag District for the year 2025-26 to 2027-28 (Three Years Period)
(1) TENDER REFERENCE NO & DATE SL NO-GZP: DEV: D-1: 2025-26 Date : 30/07/2025 (2) APPROXIMATE VALUE OF TENDER Rs. **1500.00/-** Lakhs (3) EMD AMOUNT Rs. **15,00,000/-** (4) LAST DATE AND TIME FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS : **29-08-2025** 4.00 PM (6) TIME AND DATE OF OPENING OF TECHNICAL BIDS : **30-08-2025** 5.00 PM (7) TIME AND DATE OF OPENING OF FINANCIAL BIDS : **02-09-2025** 11.00 AM
Indent No: RDPR/2025-26/SE2825

Sd/- CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
ZILLA PANCHAYAT GADAG
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Government of Karnataka
Administrative Training Institute
Lalitha Mahal Road, Mysore -570011

No: ATI/2/TND/TEND/2025-JD-ATI Dated:30.07.2025

TENDER PUBLICATION

Administrative Training Institute, Mysore and State Institute for Urban Development (Functioning in ATI Campus), Mysore is inviting tender through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal for providing Horticulture Maintenance Service for a period of One year. Registered/eligible firms/organizations can submit their bids through the Karnataka Public Procurement portal **Website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Details of the tender are as follows:

Sl. No.	Details of the Service	Approximate Amount	E.M.D
1	Tender through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal for providing Horticulture Maintenance Service for Administrative Training Institute and State Institute for Urban Development (Functioning in ATI Campus), Mysore for a period of one year.	Rs. 97,95,823/-	Rs. 1,95,916/-

The tender documents can be viewed on the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal from 31.07.2025 at 11.30AM. The last date for the submission of bid is 14.08.2025 at 5.30 (Evening). The Tender bids will be opened on 18.08.2025 at 11.30 in the Morning. Further information can be obtained from the above mentioned address.

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(See Regulation 33(2))
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This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, **Debts Recovery Tribunal Bangalore (DRT 2)** in **OA/1309/2019** an amount of **Rs 17535182 (Rupees One Crore Seventy Five Lakhs Thirty Five Thousands One Hundred Eighty Two Only)** along with pendentellite and future interest as applicables per RC w.e.f. **09/08/2019** and cost till realization has become due against you (Jointly and severally).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.
3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.
4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 09/05/2022 at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.
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(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: **04/04/2022**

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DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (DRT 2)

You are directed that the payment made, if any, by the Certificate Debtor(s) be credited to the consolidated account of all debts due in this case from the Certificate Debtor(s) and the Recovery Officer kept posted with the payment position regularly.
The consolidated account so maintained will be subject to the verification of the Recovery Officer. You are further directed to submit an up to date statement of the total claim in respect of the above matter and full details of property particulars wherefrom the recovery of the debt is to be made.
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STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

(₹ in Crores)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		Quarter ended		Year ended	Quarter ended		Year ended
		30.06.2025	30.06.2024	31.03.2025	30.06.2025	30.06.2024	31.03.2025
		(Unaudited)		(Audited)	(Unaudited)		(Audited)
1	Total Revenue from Operations	1,350.17	1,310.33	5,209.74	1,533.39	1,497.67	5,955.42
2	Net Profit for the period (before tax and exceptional item)	185.68	177.19	668.09	199.13	191.61	715.00
3	Net Profit for the period (before tax)	185.68	177.19	680.59	199.13	191.61	715.00
4	Net Profit for the period (after tax)	138.35	131.64	517.01	147.94	142.69	541.75
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	139.87	134.39	517.03	155.27	145.60	543.00
6	Equity Share Capital (Face Value of Re 1/- each fully paid up)	21.01	21.01	21.01	21.01	21.01	21.01
7	Earnings Per Share (EPS) (for continuing and discontinued operations) (Face value of Re 1/- each) (not annualised) (in Rs.)						
	(a) Basic	6.58	6.26	24.60*	7.06	6.75	25.66*
	(b) Diluted	6.58	6.26	24.60*	7.06	6.75	25.66*

* Annualised

Notes:

1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of the standalone and consolidated financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites, www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com and on the Company's website www.sundram.com. The full financial results can also be accessed by scanning the QR Code provided below.

2 The Statutory Auditors have carried out a limited review for the quarter ended June 30, 2025 and have issued an unmodified report thereon.

Place : Chennai
Date : July 31, 2025

For Sundram Fasteners Limited
Suresh Krishna
Chairman

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252633 000158	Procurement of White Clay	12.08.2025
252623 001677	For Fabrication and supply of Structural Platforms for Tissue Machine #5 of TNPL Unit - II.	18.08.2025
Email	252633000157 ; 0158 - purchase.lsfm@tnpl.co.in 252623001677 - pmd2@tnpl.co.in	

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In demand: A scene at K.R. Market in Bengaluru. Autorickshaws play a vital role in daily commuting in the city, often serving as a lifeline for thousands of people, particularly for last-mile connectivity. PHOTOS: K. MURALI KUMAR AND ALLEN EGENUSE J.

Meter off, fares up

The Regional Transport Authority of Bengaluru Urban district revised auto fares in the city limits on July 14, with the new rates coming into effect from today. While auto drivers are unhappy with the increase, commuters question the relevance of the decision when meters are hardly used and surge pricing by app-based aggregators is the norm, writes **Darshan Devaiah B.P.**

What's the point of increasing the minimum auto fare to ₹36? It's a joke," says Supriya Prasanna, a daily autorickshaw commuter from Basavanagudi in south Bengaluru.

Supriya, who has been commuting by autorickshaw for the past eight years, recalls a time when she could hail one from near her house and pay the minimum fare of ₹25 when drivers agreed to go by the meter. "Sometimes they would ask for 'one-and-a-half' or a small extra amount, which was still manageable," she says.

Dependence on apps

However, for the past three years, Supriya has shifted to using autorickshaw aggregator apps. Initially, she says, they were affordable, especially with introductory offers. But over time, the convenience of doorstep pickup and drop at her office on Cunningham Road in the central business district (CBD) made her dependent on the apps even as the prices steadily climbed.

"Now, these aggregators charge absurd amounts without any transparency," she complains. "They add convenience fees, pick-up charges, surge pricing, driver additions, and even ask for a tip before the ride begins. There's no clear break-up."

According to her, the recent government decision to revise the minimum fare to ₹36 is meaningless in a system that no longer functions as intended. "Neither do the drivers use a meter, nor do the aggregators offer reasonable rates. This whole minimum fare hike is a mockery of both commuters and auto drivers. The authorities should instead focus on fixing the broken system," laments Supriya.

While most autorickshaw drivers in the city refuse to go by the meter, a few still do, much to the surprise of regular commuters. Meenakshi S., a frequent auto user, recalls a recent experience when she booked an aggregator auto in the CBD from Infantry Road to Seshadripuram and was charged ₹117. However, on her return journey from Seshadripuram to Infantry Road, she could not find an auto through the app and eventually flagged down a passing one. To her surprise, the driver agreed to go by the meter without any hesitation, and the fare came to just ₹42.

"It's so rare to find autos that agree to use the meter these days. I was shocked when he didn't argue or demand a fixed rate. It was a pleasant experience and a reminder that some honest drivers are still around. But it's frustrating that you have to rely on chance to find them. Why can't this be the norm? Why do we have to depend on the apps that loot both passengers and auto drivers," she adds.

₹36 minimum fare, 50% night surcharge

The Regional Transport Authority (RTA) of Bengaluru Urban district revised auto fares within the city limits on July 14, with the new rates taking effect from Friday, August 1. According to the order issued by Bengaluru Urban Deputy Commissioner G. Jagadeesha, the minimum fare has been increased to ₹36 for the first 2 km, up from the earlier ₹30. Additionally, the per-kilometre rate beyond 2 km has been raised from ₹15 to ₹18.

Commuters travelling between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. will now have to pay a 50% night fare surcharge. The revised fare structure also includes updates to baggage and waiting charges. Passengers can carry up to 20 kg of luggage for free; beyond this, a fee of ₹10 will be levied for every additional 20 kg or part thereof, with the total luggage capped at 50 kg. The first five minutes of waiting time will be free, after which passengers will be charged ₹10 for every 15 minutes of delay.

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In a city like Bengaluru, autorickshaws play a vital role in daily commuting, often serving as a lifeline for thousands of citizens, particularly for last-mile connectivity. Over the years, auto fares have undergone significant changes, influenced by rising fuel prices, inflation, and the overall cost of living. In 2008, the minimum fare was ₹14, which has now risen to ₹36.

Auto unions and drivers reject fare hike

However, autorickshaw unions in the city have expressed disappointment, stating that the recent fare hike is too modest and does not reflect the increased operational costs faced by drivers.

Auto unions have termed the hike "unscientific" and demanded that the base fare be raised to ₹40. The revision comes after five years, but autorickshaw drivers are far from happy. The Auto Rickshaw Drivers' Union (ARDU) has strongly opposed the decision, calling it "unilateral, unscientific, and against due process".

The unions have cited rising prices of fuel and spare parts, along with inflation, as reasons for their demand. "Over the past three years, prices have steadily increased, especially those of auto spare parts. Auto drivers face significant challenges, including heavy traffic, which restricts them to covering no more than 70 km a day, thereby drastically reducing their daily earnings," says T.M. Rudramurthy, general secretary of the ARDU.

The union has written to the Bengaluru Urban Deputy Commissioner, pointing out what it claims are procedural lapses. "As per Rule 53 of the Karnataka Motor Vehicles Rules, the Deputy Commissioner is not the chairperson of the Regional Transport Authority (RTA). Despite this, he has issued the order unilaterally. This is not acceptable," the letter states.

The union is demanding a base fare of ₹40 for the first 2 km and ₹20 for every additional km. It has also called for annual fare revision, arguing that long gaps between revisions are unfair, given the rising cost of fuel and vehicle maintenance.

The Adarsh Auto Union has also proposed raising the fare to ₹40 for the first 2 km, and ₹20 for each additional kilometre. L. Manjunatha, a union member, says, "The current CNG price is ₹83 a kg as against around ₹50 to ₹60 in 2021. However, fares have not been adjusted to account for the rising fuel costs. In Bengaluru, nearly all autos run on CNG, although electric autos are becoming more common. While high fuel costs do not affect e-autos, they are significantly expensive, costing between ₹4.7 lakh and ₹5 lakh, while a CNG auto costs ₹2.35 lakh."

Many drivers in Bengaluru have turned to alternative methods to compensate for their stagnant incomes, such as bypassing meters and charging passengers at their discretion. This has led to increasing friction between drivers and passengers. As a result, many passengers have shifted to app-based aggregators. Though app-based aggregators offer convenience and easier access to autorickshaws, the "illogical" pricing remains a concern.

Manjunath K., an auto driver from Jalahalli in the northern part of the city, welcomed the increase in the minimum fare, but lamented that it was a small increase. "It's becoming impossible to make ends meet every day. The last fare revision was three years ago, and since then, everything has become more expensive: fuel, spare parts, and even the cost of living. But our fares stayed the same. We have no choice but to stop using meters and set our own fares or rely on aggregator apps. While these apps charge us a hefty commission, the fares we earn through them are at least better than the standard meter rates," he says.

Public transport woes mount

The fare hike has also sparked off criticism from commuters, who are already burdened by the rising cost of transportation. "The government has already raised bus and metro fares. Now, with auto fares also going up, daily commuting is becoming unaffordable," says Aparna Rao, a private sector employee from Bommanahalli in south Bengaluru, who relies on multiple modes of public transport to reach her office from J.P. Nagar.

She points out that Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) buses are often irregular or crowded, and metro construction has been significantly delayed. "Take the Yellow Line, for example; construction has been completed, but there are still no trains running. Meanwhile, bike taxis, which at least helped with first- and last-mile connectivity, have been banned."

She says, "I wonder what the government or officials are thinking about public transport. Most of those who make these policies don't even use public transport. They travel in air-conditioned cars paid for by our tax money. They have no idea about the struggles faced by regular commuters. Instead of improving services, they're just hiking prices across the board."

Subhas Kumar, who travels between Rajajinagar in the western part of the city and M.G. Road in the CBD for work five days a week, says, "Auto fares on aggregator apps are already much higher than the government-fixed rates. This fare hike now just feels like a formality. Neither passengers nor auto drivers seem to be gaining anything from it." He criticises the role of aggregator companies, saying, "These big corporate-run apps are exploiting both sides – charging hefty commissions from drivers and imposing surge pricing on commuters. The government, by failing to provide reliable public transport, is letting these platforms thrive unchecked at the cost of ordinary people."

Regular fare revisions key

Traffic and urban mobility experts believe the issue lies not in the fare hike itself, but in the lack of regular revisions. Srinivas Alavilli, Fellow, Integrated Transport and Road Safety, WRI India, believes that the revised minimum fare of ₹36 for 2 km may be inadequate for a city like Bengaluru in 2025. "This fare revision, which was long overdue, should have been based on institutional mechanisms that take into account inflation of consumer prices and the auto LPG price, which have more than doubled since 2020," he says.

"I fully agree with the auto drivers that ₹36 is still too low considering their rising expenses. Their demand for a ₹40 minimum fare sounds reasonable," he adds.

Mr. Srinivas points out that while regulations for cab fares are just being introduced and offer room for dynamic pricing, autos are the only mode of transport that has always been regulated, with no scope for peak-hour dynamic pricing. "Autos play a critical role in any city as intermediate public transport, providing last-mile services to buses and metros. A system that revises auto fares periodically using a set of agreed-upon parameters is much needed. A more rational fare revision mechanism can encourage drivers to use the meter more regularly"

He also expresses hope that more auto drivers will return to using meters after this revision. "As commuters, we must insist on paying by the meter and stop negotiating. We had meter autos in Bengaluru until the arrival of aggregators. Interestingly, most auto drivers I speak to still prefer a straightforward cash exchange over app-based payments," he says.

Transport expert M.N. Sreehari notes that regular fare revisions can help address the persistent issue of auto drivers refusing rides in Bengaluru. "Many commuters complain that drivers don't operate by the meter. If fares are revised annually, it can reduce overcharging and encourage better compliance," he says.

He explains that irregular and delayed fare hikes often create dissatisfaction across the board, affecting drivers and commuters.

Auto apps to update fares

Meanwhile, the aggregator platforms such as Ola, Namma Yatri, Rapido, and Uber, are expected to update their fare structures in accordance with the government's revised rates. Representatives from two leading auto aggregators, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they would revise the base fare and per-kilometre charges from Friday, as per the government directive.

However, most aggregator apps still do not provide a clear fare break-up, leaving commuters unaware of what exactly they are being charged for. When *The Hindu* contacted these platforms to seek transparency on fare components, especially regarding the government-fixed minimum fare, they did not respond, except Namma Yatri, which confirmed it is displaying a detailed fare break-up, including minimum fare details.

Meanwhile, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy has emphasised that the revised autorickshaw fares were finalised only after extensive consultation with all stakeholders, including commuters, drivers, and transport experts. "The fare revision is not an arbitrary decision. The RTA has carried out detailed studies over time, taking into account inflation, fuel costs, vehicle maintenance, and the financial viability for drivers. Officials have tried to strike a balance that is fair for both commuters and auto drivers," he says.

Addressing concerns raised by some autorickshaw unions that the revised minimum fare is insufficient, the Minister says, "The new fare structure was designed keeping public interest in mind. While we acknowledge the drivers' concerns, there is no scope for further revision at this point. All drivers are expected to adhere to the updated rates, and enforcement measures will be in place to ensure compliance."

Minimum auto fare in Bengaluru over the decade

2008	₹14
2010	₹17
2013	₹25
2021	₹30
2025	₹36

Here's what you'll pay under the new auto fare structure

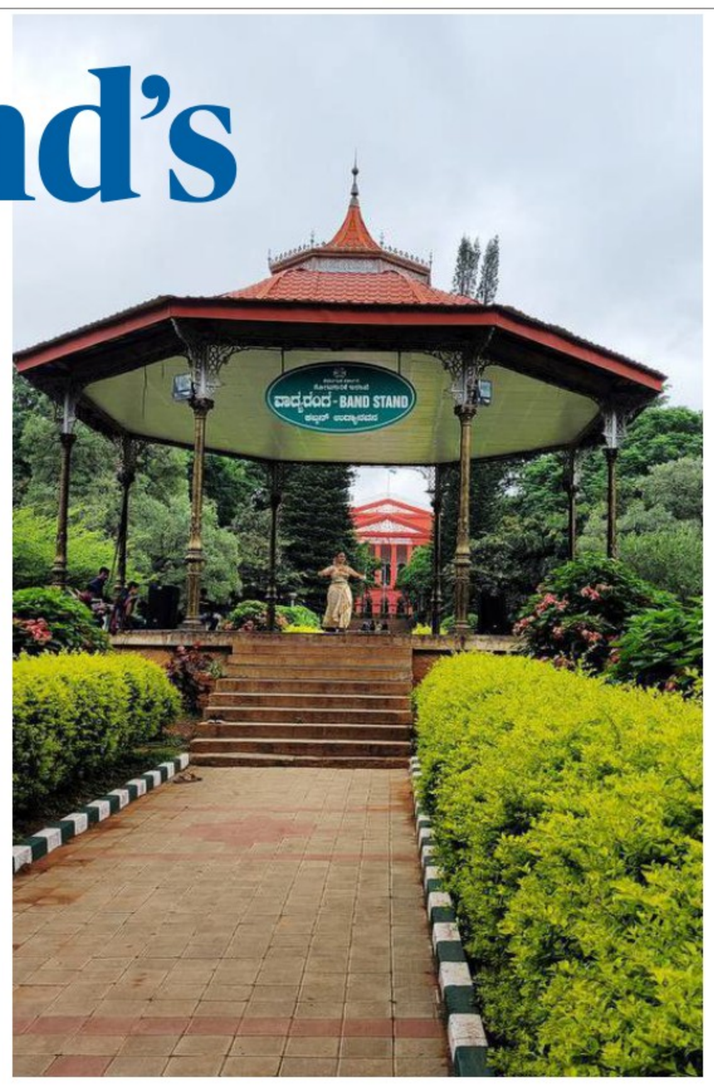
Category	Revised fare (in ₹)
For the first 2 km	36
Subsequent rate per km	18
Waiting charge for first 5 minutes	Free
Waiting charge after 5 minutes	10

Source: Regional Transport Authority, Bengaluru Urban

Illustration: Sebastian Francis

Bandstand's back alright

Citizen-led initiative, Heritage Beku, is reviving cultural performances on Sunday mornings at Cubbon Park's historic bandstand



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Priya Chetty-Rajagopal's earliest memory of Cubbon Park's iconic bandstand is hearing the Madras Sappers play there, back in the 1970s. "The bandstand has military band origins, so it has always been about the military for me," says the founder of the citizen-led initiative, Heritage Beku, which has been instrumental in reviving cultural performances at the Cubbon Park bandstand. The initiative, she says, was catalysed by this dream of bringing the military band back to the park. "That is where it started: saying that we need the bands to play again because it offers a sense of such majesty."

While the bandstand, first constructed by the British in the 1900s to showcase their military and police bands and renovated by the Horticultural Department a few years ago, was a point of beauty and aesthetics, it did not enable cultural interaction. This was something Priya managed to change in December last year, kickstarting the initiative with a recital by the Saralaya Sisters. Since then, come Sunday morning, around 8 am, it transforms into a public performance space, open to anyone who wants to experience a slice of Bengaluru's cultural heritage. "People are really so happy to see the bandstand come alive again," she says.

Triveni Saralaya, who performed on December 8 with her sister Kavitha, is one of them. The sound of classical music in the park takes her back to the time when, "there used to be regular performances around 15-20 years ago," she says, while dance photographer Sumukhee Shankar, who attended a couple of

performances here, believes that having it outdoors helps bring out "the raw energy in the dance," she says. "As the audience, I felt it was definitely a welcome change."

Here to stay

When Priya and her team decided to have noted artistes perform at the bandstand, they knew they did not have a budget to pay them. So, they were a little worried since "we were very conscious that you cannot undermine performers by not rewarding them for their performance," says Priya. But soon a realisation dawned. "Much as we respected them, we realised that just like we work pro bono for the city, artistes are also open to it," she says, adding that many of these artistes were just happy to perform at the bandstand. "They felt the nostalgia of it, of being part of something bigger than themselves," she says.

Over the last six months, Cubbon Park's bandstand has hosted numerous city artistes, primarily those from the Indian classical tradition. And Heritage Beku is being inundated with requests from many more, says Ruam Mukherjee, the curatorial director of Heritage Beku's Revival Series. She also talks about why this particular space is so special, a sentiment with which many of the performers also concur. "It is a 360 °stage and they can see the audience directly," she says. "The many flowers blooming in the park around them at different times of the year, like the pink tabebuias and yellow jacarandas, enhance the spectacle." Also, since the stage is open, "the way they use it is interesting, especially in terms of dance," believes Ruam, while for Kavitha Saralaya, "the fresh air and lighting are so perfect," she says. "The way the bandstand is built, acoustics sound so good."

Bringing art to public spaces enhances a city's collective culture, further adds Kavitha. "It is a beautiful ambience and a good way to revive classical music for the general public," she says, pointing out that, unlike in a traditional performance space filled with rasikas, it is not a niche audience who ends up attending these performances. "Many people who come there won't know an iota of classical music. But when they listen to it in that beautiful setting, something could be triggered in them," she feels.

While Heritage Beku has bigger plans for Cubbon Park, whether it be going beyond Indian classical performances or introducing busking in the park, Priya says the focus right now is on continuing the tradition that has been established.

"We would like to build up a good, solid reputation so people know that the Sunday bandstand is here to stay."

Musical memories Bringing art to public spaces enhances a city's collective culture. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

STEPOUT

Musical medley

The Samatva Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation committed to exploring, interpreting and enriching the understanding of world music. The foundation will present its sixth annual day event, Samatva Varshikotsava, showcasing both established maestros and promising young talent.
At Samskrita Bharati, Aksharam Auditorium, Girinagar on August 3, from 9 am onwards. Entry free.

Art attack

Myth, Memory, Meaning, is a group exhibition presented by Artisera, spotlighting four contemporary women artists — Ashu Gupta, Rakhee Shenoy, Smruthi Gargi Eswar and Sukanya Garg, and is currently underway.
At Artisera Gallery, Indiranagar, till August 16 from 11 am to 6 pm. Entry is free, appointment needed for Sundays only

Hot stuff

Shiro has introduced a new teppanyaki menu, featuring specials such as expertly grilled chicken breast, salmon fillet, assorted mushrooms, tenderloin, and seasonal vegetables cooked on a sizzling iron griddle in front of guests. This menu has been curated by chef Priyank Singh Chouhan and his team.
At *Shiro, UB City, Monday to Sunday, between 7-8:30 pm and 9-10:30 pm. Call 080 4173 8861 to pre-book.*

Foray into Latin flavours

Riko, by the folks behind Kebapci, uses ingredients from Peru such as choclo corn and aji amarillo chillies

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Asim and Adeeb Shah, the brothers behind Turkish restaurants Kebapci and Klava, take a very different direction with their new restaurant. Located in UB City, Riko offers authentic Peruvian-Latin cuisine. The city has seen nikkei and Peruvian fusion restaurants before, but Riko claims to be the first one focussing on Latin dishes, by importing corns and chillies from the South American country.

I visit for a first look.

Riko has opened with a limited menu of 20 odd dishes and they plan to add more as the months go by.

The first dish is bomba de choclo, a corn custard bomb. A sweet, whipped custard made of corn that is topped with cheese, served on top of a crispy shell. It is creamy and textural; we are off to a good start. The lamb empanada is a golden pasty baked and filled with a spiced minced lamb mix. You cannot go wrong with meat in a pastry, and this one is no exception.

Ceviche is a quintessential Latin American dish and is made with marinated seafood; it is usually served cold. I try the vegan ceviche, ceviche de sandia, made of watermelon. This dish is nothing unique as

Palate pleaser Fideos picantes secos (dry spicy noodles) at Riko. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

the marinate is rather plain. The next dish makes up for it – a jackfruit tamale. Tamales are a dish made of corn dough wrapped and steamed in a corn husk, here made with the addition of jackfruit. The soft texture of the steamed dough and the subtle spices of the jackfruit are a nice pairing.

For mains Riko has a few options such as grilled chipotle salmon, bistec steak, and Peruvian rotisserie chicken. I opt for fideos picantes secos, translating to dry spicy noodles. Thanks to Chinese immigrants, Peru has a cuisine called chifa that uses Cantonese influences. These inhouse noodles are thick and chewy, topped with chillies and minced meat. It is a comforting dish. Dessert is cachapa, a corn pancake. The pancake is stuffed with cheese and drizzled with honey, a nice balance of sweet and salty.

The service at Riko is warm, but a little slow. Hope it is only a teething problem. They soon plan to open a live kitchen set-up with grills. While there are many dishes for vegetarians, meat lovers may enjoy this one more.

₹2,200 for two. Open for dinner only. At UB City, Vittal Mallya Road. Reservations through airmenus.in at a cost of ₹900 redeemable against the bill

As Indian as can be

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"Bangalore has a split personality just like its weather. The people are either quite pious and into their culture, or have been smoking up and haven't showered for a couple of days because they're too cool to do it," deadpans Sharul Channa.

The Indian stand-up comic from Singapore is winding up her tour of the country, and Bengaluru with a show this weekend, is her last stop. "From the time I started my show in Mumbai to its conclusion this weekend, I've gathered so much material. The people are so vibrant and things here can be quite amusing. I find myself chuckling away even as I'm taking notes."

She recalls a recent incident in Mumbai. "I love Kolhapuris and this was at the height of the Kolhapuri-Prada controversy, so of course I had to get myself a couple to support the artisans. Two foreigners spotted my footwear and pitying the homeless craftsmen wanted to get some, so I opened up Google Maps and pointed out Kolhapur. They went their way, tutting that it was quite far, while I turned a corner and bought myself another pair," she chortles in absolute glee.

Her sharp-edged humour points inward too. "It was for a lark and I'm sure they figured it out eventually. But it's fun to watch how we jump on to trends; I not only got myself four or five pairs of those slippers, I got them in vegan because I'm one of those crusaders as well. "

"When I travel across India, I take a break between shows. I went to Uttarakhand for a peaceful trip, then I was in a homestay in Mysore for four days and now I'm in Pondicherry for a bit. I head to these little corners where I find comfort, and in the process, I get a lot of material too."

Pivoting back to Bengaluru, she says the auto drivers here are a class apart (but of course). "I love to take autos there – the drivers should compete for F1. The last time I was there, the auto was going so fast I saw my next two reincarnations. I had to tell him 'I want to go fast, but I don't want to *go* fast'."

Singapore-based stand-up comic Sharul Channa will be in Bengaluru this weekend for the final leg of her India tour Saree-ously Not Sorry

Jibe vibe Stand up comic Sharul Channa at one of her shows. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

She continues non-stop, much like those auto drivers. "I decided I'd rather act like I couldn't speak, than talk to an auto driver in Hindi while in Bangalore. So that's what I did on another ride. My manager was next to me and I mimed my way through it; the auto driver was quite sweet."

"Louis Vuitton has introduced a new auto bag and I'm going to get one because the auto will tell me where it wants to go, rather than going where I want it to," she continues, taking a dig at the infamous attitude of the three-wheeled service providers in the city.

"Its a challenge, but I still love the vibe here and the lingo. I think people are way more open in Bangalore."

Watching a stand-up is fun. Talking to one, even for an article, can be a hoot, especially since Sharul amuses herself as well as her audience, even if it is a single listener. However, in conversation with her, one realises the thick accent associated with many of her stage shows is noticeably missing.

"In Singapore, we are very good at switching accents. We have a majority Chinese population, followed by Tamilians, and then people of Malay origin. When we are in conversation with different nationalities, we turn our accents around. Its not a racist thing; its a Singaporean habit because of the many people we encounter there," she says, explaining that most of her shows are recorded for Asian audiences.

Even though her family moved to Singapore when she was a baby, Sharul identifies as an Indian.

"We would come back to India for holidays, and though I'm an NRI, I'm quite close to my Indian roots and I'm proud of it," she says, adding that it is a nod to the title of her show as well as the reason why she is often seen performing in a sari.

"The Indian identity is very strong – you can move anywhere in the world, but you will not be able to get it out of yourself. Besides my mom is a Hindi teacher and my dad is an Indian chef, so how much more Indian can you get?"

Sharul Channa will present Saree-ously Not Sorry at The Medai-The Stage on August 1 and 2, at 8pm. Tickets priced at ₹499 are available on BookMyShow.

Honeytrapping: CID says there is no evidence to prove charges

The investigation agency submits its report to the government; BJP says if the allegations are not true, Cooperation Minister K.N. Rajanna should apologise on the floor of the Legislative Assembly as he had raised the issue there

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The allegations of honeytrapping levelled by Cooperation Minister K.N. Rajanna that had created ripples in the political circles seems to have ended in an anticlimax with the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) concluding that there is no evidence to prove such charges.

The CID, which conducted a probe into the episode, has submitted its report to the government.

According to sources, the probe did not yield any substantial evidence to back the allegations by Mr. Rajanna that he was honeytrapped by unknown persons.

K.N. Rajanna

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> **R. ASHOK,**
> Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly

No CCTV, entries

There was no CCTV camera installed at his residence, and no entries were recorded in the official visitor's registry regarding the persons related to the honeytrapping. Neither Mr. Rajanna provided any concrete evidence to substantiate his claim nor did he recognise anyone involved in the incident, sources said.

The report was submitted to the DG & IGP for final scrutiny before being submitted to the government.

The government had decided to order a CID probe after Mr. Rajanna made allegations related to honeytrapping on the floor of the Assembly during the previous legislature session. He had said there was an organised honeytrapping network to trap prominent personalities. The Opposition had resorted to a dharna seeking action based on Mr. Rajanna's allegations.

BJP's poser to Rajanna

Meanwhile the BJP expressed concern over the CID report concluding that there were no evidence. "The Congress government is covering up irregularities. If the Ministers themselves do not get justice, what is the fate of poor people?" asked Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly R. Ashok.

Taking to social media, he demanded that Mr. Rajanna should urge the government to seek a CBI probe. "If the allegations are not true, then Mr. Rajanna should apologise on the floor of the Legislative Assembly, as he had raised the issue there, in the forthcoming legislature session," he demanded.

The issue may cause embarrassment for Mr. Rajanna as well as the government during the forthcoming legislature session.

MUDA 'scam': Retired High Court judge submits investigation report

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Retired judge of the Karnataka High Court P. N. Desai submitting the probe report to Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh in Bengaluru on Thursday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Retired judge of the High Court of Karnataka P. N. Desai submitted a six-volume report his probe into the alleged Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) land scam to Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh on Thursday.

Following allegations of involvement of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his wife, B.M. Parvathi, the State government had constituted a judicial commission, headed by Mr. Desai, in July 2024 to probe the allegations.

In September-October 2024, the CM's wife surrendered 14 MUDA sites.

The order on the constitution of the commission came on the eve of the commencement of the monsoon session of the State legislature in July 2024 and had led to a lot of noise during the session. The Opposition took out a padayatra from Bengaluru to Mysuru seeking the resignation of Mr. Siddaramaiah.

The commission had been given six months to complete the probe and submit its report to the government of Karnataka. The commission submitted its report after a year.

The BJP and JD(S) have alleged that the Chief Minister's wife had been illegally allotted 14 alternative sites for 3.16 acres of land that had been acquired from her by MUDA.

On March 7, the High Court of Karnataka quashed the alleged money laundering proceedings initiated against Ms. Parvathi and Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection with alleged illegal allotment of sites by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA).

In April, the High Court of Karnataka permitted the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to continue its investigation against all persons, whether accused or not, in the MUDA case.

The ED has provisionally attached close to 100 immovable properties in connection with the alleged MUDA scam. The attachment was carried out on June 9, 2025, under provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.

On July 21, the Supreme Court cautioned the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) about being "used" to fight "political battles" even as it dismissed appeals filed by the Central agency against a Karnataka High Court decision to set aside money-laundering charges against Ms. Parvathi and Mr. Suresh in connection with allotment of sites by the MUDA.

A statement issued by the Chief Minister's office said the verdict was "a resounding slap on the face of the Central government's vendetta politics".

RDPR Dept. takes up online counselling-based transfers

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For the first time, the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Department in Karnataka has taken up online counselling-based transfers to ensure transparency and efficiency.

"As per our declaration in the 2024-25 State Budget, we took up online counselling-based transfers of Grade-1 and II secretaries and second division accountants of village panchayats in 31 districts for the first time and successfully completed the process," said RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge in an official release on Thursday.

In all, the department had received applications seeking transfers from 2,697 employees, of which 1,300 eligible applications were taken up for counselling. CEOs of the zilla panchayats concerned conducted the online counselling and issued digitally signed transfer orders on the spot, the Minister explained. The counselling-based transfer was taken up in three rounds on July 25, 28, and 29-30, he said.

The Minister said the online counselling-based transfer would go a long way in ensuring efficiency as well as transparency in the department's administration.

RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge

'Mohanty will be replaced if he goes on Central duty'

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Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday said senior IPS officer Pronab Mohanty, who is heading the SIT set up to probe the allegations of "mass burials" in Dharmasthala, will be replaced if he goes on Central government duty.

When reporters questioned whether the SIT chief will be replaced, Mr. Siddaramaiah said: "Let's see. If he goes to Central government (he will be replaced)...".

There has been speculation that Mr. Mohanty, Director-General of Police (Internal Security Division), who has found a place in the list of empanelment of Director General-rank officers to serve in the Union government, will be replaced.

Speaking to reporters, Home Minister G. Parameshwara said no decision has been taken by the government regarding replacing the SIT chief.

Crack down on fertilizer sale on the black market, CM tells State police chief

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Blaming the Centre's policy for the shortage of urea and Diammonium Phosphate (DAP) during the ongoing kharif season in Karnataka, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday instructed Director-General and Inspector-General of Police M.A. Saleem to keep vigilance to prevent the sale of fertilizers on the black market.

Despite the Central government's inaction, the State government is taking necessary steps to ensure supply of fertilizers so that farmers are not inconvenienced during the sowing season, he said.

Mr. Siddaramaiah has instructed the police chief to keep a close watch on black marketeers who are trying to create a shortage of fertilizers by illegally hoarding and selling it on the black market.

"There should be no artificial shortage of fertilizers in the district, taluk, or hobli," the Chief Minister said, and instructed the police to keep a close watch on those who are creating shortages.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah meeting Ministers and Congress MLAs in Bengaluru on Thursday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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> Chief Minister

While the BJP accused the government of mismanaging the available stock of fertilizers, the Congress termed the BJP claims of the Centre supplying adequate quantities of urea as "false."

On Thursday, the Chief Minister met Ministers and Congress legislators of Vijayapura, Bagalkot, Gagad, Haveri, Shivamogga, Davangere, Chitradurga, Chikkamagaluru, and Chickballapur. During three days, he met Ministers and MLAs of all districts and heard their grievances related to funds and development works.

Voting members of coop. societies have no right to seek list of voters, says HC

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The High Court of Karnataka has said that no eligible voting member of a cooperative society has the right to seek the list of other eligible voting members as the societies are tasked with publishing the list of only ineligible voters under the Karnataka Co-operative Societies Rules, 1960.

Noticing that it is only at the time of elections that the electoral roll is prepared, the court said that the list of eligible voters cannot be provided on submission of application merely because some members want to plan their campaign.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the order while dismissing a petition filed by H.M. Vishwanath and three others, all members of various primary agriculture credit cooperative societies in Tumakuru district.

The petitioners had moved the court as the Tumkuru District Central Cooperative Bank had not entertained their applications filed in June for providing provisional eligible and ineligible voters lists of primary credit cooperative societies; taluk agricultural producers cooperative marketing society; Group C and D primary credit cooperatives societies, and women's self-help group cooperatives societies.

Stating that it is not for the petitioners to espouse the cause of ineligible voters by filing the present petition, the court said that if at all, the person named in the ineligible voters list has any grievances regarding the same, they have their own remedy under the rules as the society publishes the list of ineligible voters on its notice board.

From Freedom Park to EC office

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BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar said that the protest against "vote theft" would be held by the Congress at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on August 5. The protesters will travel to the Election Commission's office to submit an appeal.

Shivamogga-Bhadravathi Urban Development Authority
SUDA Commercial Complex, Vinobanagara, 100 Ft Road, Shivamogga - 577204. Ph No.: 08182-249867,249280.
Website : www.shivamogga.uda.gov.in

No. SUDA/CA/Allot-2/2025-26 **Date: 29.07.2025**

Public Notification on allotment of civic amenity sites

Applications are invited for allotment of civic amenity sites reserved by the Authority/private layout for civic amenity purposes under the jurisdiction of the Shivamogga - Bhadravathi Urban Development Authority on a 30-year lease basis as per the Allotment of Civic Amenity Sites Rules, 1991 by a Cooperative Society registered under the Karnataka Cooperative Societies Act, 1960 or a registered educational, religious, charitable trust for the allotment of civic amenity sites under the Karnataka Urban Development Authorities Rules, 1991. For registration, Application form -1, Site Allotment Application Form -2 can be obtained from the Shivamogga – Bhadravathi Urban Development Authority's office by paying a fee of **Rs 500/-** from **30.07.2025 to 14.08.2025 upto 3.00 PM.** Applications should be submitted in person or by registered post by filling in the details in Form 1 and Form 2 to the Shivamogga–Bhadravathi Urban Development Authority's office on or before **19.08.2025 before 5.00 P M.** Details of available civic amenity sites, notices and special notices can be had from the website : **www.shivamogga.uda.gov.in** or contacting the Authority's office.

Sd/-
(Vishwanatha P Mudajji)
Commissioner, Shivamogga-Bhadravathi Urban Development Authority Shivamogga

Sd/-
(H S Sundaresh, B E) President, Shivamogga-Bhadravathi Urban Development Authority Shivamogga

DIPR/SMG/No-178-07/zenkar/2025-26

BJP says Congress has turned State into a 'safe abode for anti-nationals'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Expressing concern over the Gujarat Anti-Terrorist Squad arresting a woman from Bengaluru for amplifying the digital propaganda of Al-Qaeda in India and the Mumbai police detecting a narcotics drug manufacturing unit in Mysuru, the BJP has accused the Congress government of protecting anti-nationals.

Speaking to presspersons in Delhi, BJP MP and former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai accused the government of protecting anti-nationals, and said law and order in Karnataka had completely deteriorated. "The police have lost control over criminal elements. Just last week, the Maharashtra police came to Mysuru and seized drugs worth around ₹394 crore. Yet, the Karnataka Home Minister claimed that he had no information regarding the drug operation," he said.

He further said that a Gujarat ATS team came to Bengaluru and arrested a woman who is a member of Al-Qaeda in the Indian subcontinent. "This woman was recruiting for Al-Qaeda in the subcontinent. It was the Gujarat ATS team that arrested her. What were the Karnataka police doing?" he said.

Another BJP MP, Capt Brijesh Chowta, alleged in Delhi that Karnataka was becoming a safe abode for anti-nationals and terrorists because of the maladministration of the Siddaramaiah-led Congress government.

The Home Minister had become helpless in the power tussle between the Chief Minister and the Deputy Chief Minister that had weakened the administration, he alleged.

This had made people to live under fear as the political situation had weakened the law and order situation, turning the State into a safe abode for anti-national activities, he argued.

The Tamil Nadu Dr.M.G.R.Medical University
Guindy, Chennai

TENDER NOTICE

Ref.No.DOI/18098/2025 Dated :01.08.2025

E-Tenders are invited from the eligible bidders for providing Event Management, Logistics and other services for Conducting International Conference on Excel and Educate 2025 organised by The Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University with Health and Family Welfare Department, Tamil Nadu in October 2025 at Chennai on Turnkey basis. For more information, visit **https://tntenders.gov.in** and **www.tnmgrmu.ac.in**

Tender Reference No	DOI/18098/2025 01.08.2025
Pre-bid Meeting	05.08.2025 at 11.00 A.M.
Start Date for Submission of Bids	08.08.2025 at 10.00 A.M.
Last Date for Submission of Bids	14.08.2025 up to 03.00 P.M.
Date of Opening of Technical Bids	18.08.2025 at 03.00 P.M.

Any further corrigendum or amendment(s) shall be noted on **https://tntenders.gov.in** only.

DIPR/4034/Tender/2025 REGISTRAR (FAC)

TAMIL NADU ADI DRAVIDAR HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TAHDCO),
No. 31. CENOTAPH ROAD, IInd LANE, TEYNAMPET, CHENNAI- 18.

IInd Call - e-Tender Notice No : 04/2025-2026/Dt:31.07.2025

TAHDCO is inviting e-tenders for single cover and Double cover works in 7 Districts to the tune of **Rs.43.23 crore** for the construction of School and College Hostels, Modern Study room for Adi Dravidar College Hostel, New Shopping Complex building and Infrastructures facility to School. All registered and renewed eligible contractors in TAHDCO alone for the year 2025-2026 should participate in the e-Tender. For further details please refer **www.tahdco.com.**

DIPR/4032/Tender/2025 **Managing Director**

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer,
(Bangalore South Constituency) Lakes Divison, Room No.309, 3rd Floor, New Building, BBMP, N.R .Square, Bengaluru-560002

No: EE-BSC(Lakes)/TN-04/2025-26 **Date: 30-07-2025**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal KPPP only)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, (Bangalore South Constituency) Lakes Divison, BBMP, Bengaluru for the work mentioned below from the registered Contractors of BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Providing Chainlink Fencing to Gottigere Lake. **Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs): 150.00, EMD (in Rs.): 1,50,000/-.**

Calendar of Events: **1)** Tender Documents can be downloaded from GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 31-07-2025. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **07-08-2025 at 15.00 Hours in the office of the CE (FECC), Room No.: 307, 3rd Floor, Annexue-2, Building, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, N.R Square, Bangalore-560002. 3)** Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders: **14-08-2025 upto 16.00 Hours. 4)** Date of Opening of Technical Bid: **16-08-2025 at 16.30 Hours. 5)** Opening of Financial Bid: **Will be intimated in E-Portal.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
(Bangalore South Constituency) Lakes Divison, BBMP.

Coimbatore is making its presence stronger on the international map: experts

M. Soundariya Preetha
CHENNAI

(From left) G. Karthikeyan, Gururaja S.J., Susil S. Dungarwal, Naved Narayan, and Sivakumar P. at the event. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

With its strong manufacturing base and new-age aspirations, Coimbatore is all set to make its presence stronger on the international map, said the panellists at 'Coimbatore Unlimited 3.0, Reimagining Growth in Coimbatore and Beyond' held in Chennai on Thursday.

Speaking on 'Coimbatore in Focus - The Smart Investment Corridor' at the event presented by G Square and powered by *The Hindu* Group, G. Karthikeyan, founder of The Startup Academy and former president of TiE Coimbatore, who moderated the discussions, said that Coimbatore's industrial landscape is seeing a shift from manufacturing to technology driven companies. Its transformation is getting national and international investments. It is known for leading brands in multiple sectors, he said.

According to Naved Narayan, vice-president of mobility solutions and R&D centre head-Coimbatore of Bosch Global Software Technologies, India has 1,700 Global Capability Centres (GCC) and 50% of global GCC talent comes from India. Any city that has the niche talent and ecosystem requirements of the GCCs will be able to attract investments. Coimbatore is known for technology. "It has an inherent attraction to technology and entrepreneurship. The industrial hunger of the population of Coimbatore is reflected in the MSMEs in the city," he added.

Gururaja S.J., JLL India's senior director, city head and office leasing advisory-Chennai, said 1.2 to 1.4 million sq.ft of commercial office space is being absorbed in Coimbatore every year. In the next three to five years, almost four million sq.ft of commercial space will be available in the market. "Coimbatore is a long-term destination for larger operators who are looking for office space," he added. Amenities play a big role in attracting talent and commercial investments, including the IT and ITES sectors, he said.

Global Business Head of the G Square Group Sivakumar P. said Coimbatore has seen tremendous growth in the last few years and several infrastructure projects too. His firm itself has more than 25 projects in Coimbatore and has launched a 1,000-acre project that will see multi-use development.

Susil S. Dungarwal, chief mall mechanic, Beyond Squarefeet, said the potential for development is massive and "Coimbatore has everything that a great city needs". In the next three to five years, it is likely to see 10 million to 15 million sq.ft of commercial space development and "could emerge as the financial capital of Tamil Nadu".

Panneerselvam quits NDA, meets Stalin twice

'If you look at history, there are neither friends nor foes in politics,' the former Chief Minister says after the second meeting

T. Ramakrishnan
CHENNAI

CM M.K. Stalin with former CM O. Panneerselvam in Chennai on Thursday. X/@UDHAYSTALIN

After deciding to quit the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and terminate his relationship with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), former Chief Minister and former coordinator of the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) O. Panneerselvam, on Thursday met Chief Minster and Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) president M.K. Stalin on two separate occasions, once during his morning walk at the Theosophical Society in Adyar, and later in the evening at the Chief Minister's residence in Chennai.

In the morning, the leaders' interaction was said to have lasted 15 minutes. In the evening, Mr. Panneerselvam, accompanied by his son and former Theni MP P. Ravindhranath Kumar, met the Chief Minister at his residence in Alwarpet. They held discussions with him and Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin for about 45 minutes. He described the meeting as a 'courtesy call', and said he enquired about the health of the Chief Minister, who was recently hospitalised, and conveyed his condolences over the death of M.K. Muthu.

Earlier in the day, Mr. Panneerselvam chaired a three-hour meeting with his colleagues and supporters. Later, while interacting with the media, he explained his first meeting with Mr. Stalin. "When I am in Chennai, I ordinarily go to the Theosophical Society for my morning walk. This was how I met him," he said.

It was left to Panruti S. Ramachandran, former Minister, who has been acting as an advisor to the Panneerselvam camp, to inform journalists that the camp, also known as the ADMK Workers' Rights Retrieval Committee, was no longer in the NDA. On the reason for the departure, he said there was no need for him to state it explicitly. "The State knows it," he added.

There were indications even in the afternoon that the Panneerselvam camp might gravitate towards the DMK, going by the reply of Mr. Ramachandran to a query posed by *The Hindu* whether the camp was committed to ensuring the defeat of the DMK at the polls. The advisor said: "Our objective is not negative. We are not interested in pulling down anyone. We are interested in the welfare and prosperity of all."

After the meeting Mr. Stalin for the second time, Mr. Panneerselvam, who as the nominee of the BJP-led NDA finished runner-up in the Ramanathapuram Lok Sabha constituency in the 2024 poll, said, "If you look at history, there are neither friends nor foes in politics. When the [Assembly] election approaches, anything can happen." This was his reply when asked about the chances of his group striking an electoral deal with the DMK.

Maintaining that no one from the BJP had got in touch with him, Mr. Panneerselvam said he had "self-respect" and worked under the direct supervision of Jayalalithaa for 25 years, both in government and party affairs.

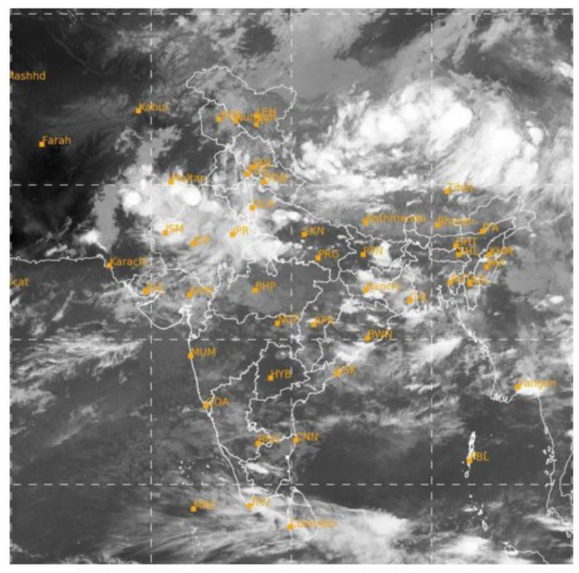
DMDK general secretary Premallatha Vijayakant also called on Mr. Stalin at his residence and enquired about his health.

The visit, though described as a courtesy call, has added a new layer to the political optics in Tamil Nadu, fuelling speculation amid evolving developments in a State that will go to the polls in less than a year.

(With inputs from Dennis S. Jesudasan)

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.45 HRS)

Forecast for Friday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim, West Bengal, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	8	31.7	26.3	Kozhikode	—	32.0	24.0
Ahmedabad	—	30.7	26.6	Kurnool	3	33.4	25.2
Aizawl	—	31.0	21.7	Lucknow	10	31.6	27.0
Allahabad	—	31.2	26.0	Madurai	—	41.3	26.6
Bengaluru	—	27.8	20.9	Mangaluru	5.6	28.8	24.1
Bhopal	1	28.0	23.4	Mumbai	6.7	30.4	26.0
Bhubaneswar	2	33.2	25.9	Mysuru	0.5	29.2	20.0
Chandigarh	39	30.4	24.4	New Delhi	39	29.9	24.7
Chennai	—	37.4	28.3	Patna	5	34.1	27.3
Coimbatore	—	33.0	22.8	Port Blair	—	31.2	26.7
Dehradun	3	31.1	24.1	Puducherry	0.1	37.3	27.4
Gangtok	38	22.7	17.5	Pune	0.4	29.0	24.1
Goa	3	31.7	25.6	Raipur	—	32.8	24.8
Guwahati	3	33.8	26.8	Ranchi	1	29.2	23.5
Hubballi	—	28.0	22.0	Shillong	0.6	25.1	18.0
Hyderabad	3	31.2	21.8	Shimla	22	25.2	19.4
Imphal	0.4	31.2	24.8	Srinagar	5	30.7	20.6
Jaipur	36	26.4	24.5	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.0	24.0
Kochi	3	30.0	23.0	Tiruchi	—	38.5	27.0
Kohima	2	25.5	19.5	Vijayawada	2	35.4	25.7
Kolkata	32	28.6	26.0	Visakhapatnam	—	34.1	28.1

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.16	..69	.58	88	98	.....
Bengaluru	.10	9	.29	39	119	.....
Chennai	.15	6	150	26	21	.....
Delhi	.12	..40	.70	59	58	.....
Hyderabad	.16	..15	.27	51	91	.....
Kolkata	.10	..95	.34	30	35	.....
Lucknow	.43	..12	.19	...137	...114	.....
Mumbai	.27	..17	.28	65	78	.....
Pune	.12	..20	.62	71	68	.....
Visakhapatnam	.21	..50	.27	68	...119	.....

Yesterday
In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Durgapur, West Bengal recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 156 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 13

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

INBRIEF

Malayalam rapper faces rape charge as doctor files plaint

Malayalam rapper and songwriter Hirandas Murali, popularly known as Vedan, has been booked for rape on a complaint lodged by a doctor accusing him of sexually abusing her on the promise of marriage. The Thrikkakara police in Ernakulam registered the case. The petitioner reportedly came forward after she came across the account of another woman who faced a similar experience from Vedan. "We are verifying the facts, after which further steps will be taken. The said incidents took place a few years ago," a senior police officer said.

Supreme Court dismisses anticipatory bail of IPS officer

The Supreme Court on Thursday dismissed the anticipatory bail granted by the High Court of Andhra Pradesh to N. Sanjay, former Additional Director General of Police (ADG), Crime Investigation Department (CID), in the case registered against him by the Anti-Corruption Bureau. He was accused of manipulating tender processes for awarding contract work of developing and maintaining the AGNI - NOC (Governance & NOC Integration) web portal and mobile app, and supplying hardware to a private company in violation of the procedures in 2023.

Authorities on alert: Krishna, Godavari see heavy inflows

Reservoirs in the Krishna, Godavari and Pennar basins are receiving huge inflows owing to heavy rain, prompting large-scale water releases and close monitoring by the authorities to manage flood risk and ensure safety across downstream regions. According to the A.P. Water Resources Department, Srisailam reservoir had 203.43 tmc ft of water stored by Wednesday; its gross capacity is 215.81 tmc ft. The Tungabhadra River is swelling, with 45,249 cusecs of water being released from the Tungabhadra Dam.

Leopard found dead hours after duo is injuried in an attack

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

A leopard was found dead at Madagada tank near Yemmedoddi in Kadur taluk, hours after two people were injured in a leopard attack on Thursday. It is not yet clear if the leopard that attacked the villagers was the one found dead in the water body.

Forest Department officials reached the spot after learning that a male leopard, aged about five, was found dead on Thursday afternoon. A post-mortem was conducted, and the doctors noticed external injuries. The officials have booked a case for further investigation.

Earlier in the day, two people riding a bike were attacked by a leopard. Manjappa, 55, of Hosa Siddarahalli, and Murthappa, 56, of Hale Siddarahalli, were on their way to Sakharayapatna from Madagada, when the wild animal

One of the two persons who was injured in a leopard attack near Kadur in Chikkamagaluru district on Thursday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

pounced on them. Murthappa suffered injuries on his shoulder, while Manjappa had injuries on his left hand.

The local people rushed to their rescue and chased away the animal. The injured duo were shifted to a hospital at Kadur for treatment.

1 km away
Ramesh Babu, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chikkamagaludu division, told *The Hindu* that a leopard was found dead about one kilometre from the place where the two people were attacked. "The doctors conducted a post-mortem. We are yet to ascertain if the animal that was found dead was the one that attacked the villagers. There are some external injuries. We need to find out how the injuries were caused. We can investigate further after we get the post-mortem report," he said.

The injured, he said, were out of danger. One of them, who suffered injuries on his hand, required follow-up orthopaedic care.

Meanwhile, wildlife activist G. Veeresh of Chikkamagaluru has demanded a probe into the incident. He suspected that the animal was attacked by local people. There could be chances of the animal being hit by a vehicle too, he said.

Governor bypassing State govt., says Kerala Minister

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

R. Bindu

Kerala Higher Education Minister R. Bindu has accused Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar of functioning in an undemocratic manner, allegedly in a bid to undermine the Constitutional role of the State government in public universities.

Despite making assurances on various issues, including the administrative impasse at Kerala University, during his meetings with the Chief Minister, and other Ministers, the actions of the Governor (who is also the Chancellor of State-run universities), have been in complete contradiction, she told presspersons on Thursday.

The ongoing crisis, she added, prevails at a time when Kerala's universities had made commendable progress in research and innovation, and with students and faculty actively contributing to the development of products and processes beneficial to the State.

"Instead of supporting such advancements, institutions such as Raj Bhavan have been making deliberate attempts to derail these efforts for political purposes," Dr. Bindu alleged.

The Minister criticised the Chancellor for bypassing the government in key university appointments, especially in the selection of Vice-Chancellors.

"Despite clear directives from the Kerala High Court which rejected the Chancellor's arguments he went ahead and acted in contradiction," Dr. Bindu claimed.

Crisis at KU
Meanwhile, Vice-Chancellor in-charge of Kerala University Mohanan Kunnummal met the Governor at Raj Bhavan to apprise him of the ongoing crisis at the university.

The deepening rift between Prof. Kunnummal and the Left-dominant Syndicate has taken a toll on the university's functioning for several weeks.

While the Governor had earlier refrained from making any direct intervention in the issue, the Vice-Chancellor's visit now signals a potential shift, possibly paving the way for gubernatorial involvement in resolving the impasse.

BJP tries to mend bridges with Church leaders after nuns' arrest

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The BJP in Kerala on Thursday appeared to scramble to mend bridges with Church leaders after the arrest of two Keralite nuns in Chhattisgarh on "questionable charges" of forced conversion and human trafficking threatened to strain the relations and undermine the party's ambitious outreach to the electorally significant Christian community ahead of the local body polls later this year and the Assembly elections in 2026.

BJP State president Rajeev Chandrasekhar will likely reach Kochi to apprise top prelates of the attempts taken by the party in conjunction with its counterparts in New Delhi and Chhattisgarh to secure the early release of the reportedly ailing nuns, both senior citizens.

The nuns, Vandana Francis and Preetha Mary, of the order of the Assisi Sisters of Mary Immaculate (ASMI), are currently under judicial remand in reportedly harsh conditions in the Durg Central Prison after a district sessions court recused itself from hearing their bail plea on Wednesday citing a lack of jurisdiction.

The alleged involvement of the Bajrang Dal, a Sangh Parivar affiliate, in the arrests has put the BJP on the defensive in Kerala.

Moreover, the silence of Union Minister Suresh Gopi, who won from the Thrissur Lok Sabha constituency where Christians form a decisive electoral bloc, had drawn criticism from the ruling front and the Opposition in Kerala and seemed not to have helped the BJP's ambitions to make further inroads into the minority community's strongholds in central Kerala.

Notably, the Catholics organised a mammoth march to Raj Bhavan here on Wednesday in protest against the arrests.

"The BJP is trying hard to get justice for the nuns. The Congress and the CPI (M) want them to remain in jail, and their public posturing and controversial statements in Chhattisgarh were an attempt to throw a spanner in the works of the BJP's efforts to secure the sisters' early release," Union Minister of State for Fisheries George Kurian said. He said legacy Churches in Chhattisgarh were not into proselytism to Christianity as alleged.

Mr. Chandrasekhar dubbed the Congress and CPI(M) delegations meeting the nuns in Durg Central prison as "theatrics and opportunist politics."

Church organises massive protests in central Kerala

Hiran Unnikrishnan
KOTTAYAM

A wave of protests against the Sangh Parivar has spread across central Travancore under the Church leadership. At a massive gathering at Bharananganam on Wednesday, organised by the Pala diocese of the Syro-Malabar Church, Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt warned that if the nuns are held without a just cause, the protest would escalate to the Parliament.

Soured relations

The higher U.S. tariffs place India at a relative disadvantage

The 25% tariff "plus penalty" on imports of Indian goods in the United States, announced by President Donald Trump, should have come as no surprise to India. Mr. Trump has, for a while now, been voicing his displeasure at India's dealings with Russia, with regard to energy dealings and military equipment. He has also been quite vocal about India's high tariff and non-tariff barriers. These were the reasons he cited in his announcement on Wednesday. Add to this these facts – first, U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer, as recently as Monday, had said that a trade deal with India needed "some more negotiations", and second, Indian Commerce Ministry officials had stopped talking about a mini-deal for a while now. Thus, the writing on the wall was pretty clear: a deal before August 1 was not in the offing. The only uncertainty in this mix was the mercurial Trump, but he has finally made his position clear. However, while there was an expectation that a mini-deal would not materialise, something does seem to have shifted in India-U.S. relations. This is showing up now in Mr. Trump's language – as a snide remark on Thursday about Pakistan selling oil to India in the future, or he, even more recently, calling the Indian economy "dead". Whether this was him venting his frustration at not being able to secure a deal with India – after calling himself the "Dealmaker in Chief" – or whether something else has triggered him is not clear yet. The fact is that both sides have not budged from their core policies. The U.S. wants India to reduce its tariffs and provide market access across the board and India has held firm about ring-fencing agriculture and dairy.

All of this makes negotiating a potential bilateral trade agreement (BTA) that much more complicated. Where government officials have constantly changed deadlines for a mini-deal, they have been remarkably consistent about meeting the Fall deadline for the BTA. But now Mr. Trump has linked India's dealings with Russia to India's trade relations with the U.S. Who India does business with is a sovereign matter, and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry rightfully reiterated its commitment to securing India's national interest. On the other hand, the U.S. accounts for around a fifth of India's exports. The 25% tariffs plus a yet-unknown penalty places India at a relative disadvantage when compared to competitors such as South Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Vietnam. Trade associations representing several sectors have already voiced their concern. Indian negotiators will have to work doubly hard to conclude an acceptable deal.

New phase

NISAR has capped a decade-long bilateral effort of NASA and ISRO

The GSLV-F16 mission lifted off from Sriharikota on July 30, placing the NASA ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) satellite into a sun synchronous orbit. The ascent capped a decade-long bilateral effort and opened a new phase in global earth observation cooperation. NISAR is a 2.8-tonne observatory that combines a NASA-built L-band radar with an ISRO-made S-band radar – also a first. They allow NISAR to detect surface changes measuring only a few centimetres, even through clouds and vegetation. NISAR will supply freely accessible data on ground deformation, glacier flow, biomass, land use changes, and sea ice dynamics. As its dawn-dusk orbit repeats every 12 days, its radars will be able to revisit the same point under nearly identical lighting conditions. This geometry, coupled with a duty cycle exceeding 50% in the L-band, has been designed to yield closely spaced time series observations that can quantify geological processes. Indeed, its various engineering firsts lead up to NISAR's unusually broad science agenda: map mangrove extent, urban subsidence, crop-soil interactions, and calving rates in polar ice shelves in a single orbital cycle. Its data could help support the Sendai Framework on reducing disaster risk and refine IPCC models.

For ISRO, flying a flagship payload on the GSLV Mk II rocket is notable for a vehicle once dubbed "naughty boy" for its early-career setbacks. The ISRO-NASA partnership would also have eased technology transfer between the two countries. Developing the S-band radar would have demanded tighter tolerances in radiofrequency electronics, thermal stability, and data throughput than previous Indian satellites. From a diplomatic standpoint, the launch confirms that India can be trusted with high-value hardware and demanding integration schedules, although it is still learning to shape joint missions on equal terms. The 12-metre reflector, the Ka band downlink, and much of the flight software stack were imported, and the key design reviews were led by NASA. Achieving parity will require larger domestic investments in advanced materials, deep-space communications, and systems engineering plus earlier Indian involvement in framing the scientific agenda of future multilateral missions. NISAR's data downlink rate also presents a challenge. ISRO must expand its Ka-band ground network, automate cloud-based processing, and release analysis-ready products within hours if state agencies are to make timely use of the data. Sustaining the time-wise data will also depend on authorising follow-on SAR spacecraft before 2030 and finalising data-sharing rules that encourage private analytics while protecting sensitive scenes. Addressing these gaps will determine how fully NISAR's potential is realised in India.

Nudges from the Court, silence from the commission

Sanjay Hegde

is a Senior Advocate designated by the Supreme Court of India

The Special Intensive Revision of Bihar's electoral rolls is a turning point for citizens, civil society and Parliament — universal franchise must not be undone in the name of 'vigilance'

The Supreme Court of India speaks in questions. Sometimes softly, sometimes sharply. In its hearings on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) conducted by the Election Commission of India (ECI) in Bihar, the Court has asked what many in the country were thinking: Why was there a sudden need for fresh documentation? Why now? And what happens to the millions who cannot comply? Yet, the Court got a response from the ECI that did not address the underlying concern. The ECI insists that this is a technical revision. But the reality on the ground, and the implications of its policy, tell a very different story.

The SIR in Bihar requires every voter to submit new proof of citizenship – within one month – or face removal from the voter list. The stated intent is accuracy. But the effect is exclusion. This is not administrative housekeeping. It is an ideological shift in the treatment of citizens: from presumed inclusion to presumptive exclusion. This shift marks a deep departure from the constitutional vision of universal adult franchise.

Turning away from constitutional promises

When India became a republic, it did something radical: it gave the vote to all adults, regardless of literacy, income, caste or gender. The Constituent Assembly debated this extensively. Many Members doubted whether the country was ready. But Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, among others, insisted that political equality must come first as a prelude to achieving social and economic equality.

That principle was translated into practice by the first Chief Election Commissioner (CEC), Sukumar Sen (March 21, 1950-December 18, 1958). Faced with 173 million potential voters, most of them illiterate, he innovated. He introduced voting symbols and designed processes that made participation easy, not difficult. India's first elections were not perfect, but they were inclusive. In contrast, the revision in Bihar by India's 26th CEC, Gyanesh Kumar, is the opposite. By demanding rare documents such as birth certificates and passports – held by only a small fraction of the population, the ECI is setting a bar that millions cannot meet. Aadhaar cards and ration cards, widely held by the poor, are not accepted. In Bihar, over 65 lakh people may now be at risk of disenfranchisement.

This is not an isolated event. We saw a similar exercise in Assam. The classification of lungi-wearing, Bengali-speaking Muslim inhabitants as "D-voters" (doubtful voters) by the officers of the Election Commission, turned thousands into stateless persons. Many found themselves pleading before foreigners' tribunals, facing hostile bureaucracies and with no real opportunity to prove citizenship. With tribunals declaring them as foreigners and with no country ready to accept them, many have been just forcibly thrown away across India's borders, as unwanted human detritus.

Bihar is at risk of repeating that mistake. The State is poor, flood-prone, and infrastructurally weak. A rigid document deadline during the monsoon season is not just poor planning. It is a barrier, intentionally or otherwise, for the poor and the marginalised to access the ballot box. The burden of proof has now shifted. Citizens must prove that they belong, rather than the state proving they do not. This reversal may seem technical, but its moral and democratic cost is immense.

Historical lessons and warnings

There are disturbing echoes here of the Jim Crow era in the United States (late 19th century to the mid-20th century), where African-American voters were disenfranchised through literacy tests, poll taxes and administrative obstructions. The veneer was legal; the purpose was political. It took federal intervention and landmark rulings such as *Reynolds vs Sims* (1964) and the Voting Rights Act 1965 to restore the right to vote as a true universal right.

India has similar legal protections. Supreme Court rulings such as *Md. Rahim Ali vs State of Assam* (2024) and *Lal Babu Hussein vs Electoral Registration Officer* (1995) have made it clear: disenfranchisement without due process is unconstitutional. Citizenship cannot be revoked or denied arbitrarily. Yet, here we are again – requiring the most vulnerable to navigate a process stacked against them.

The Court, during its hearing, asked pointed questions about the humanitarian consequences of the ECI's actions. But the ECI's response has been administrative, not empathetic. It continues to insist on timelines and technicalities, without addressing the social reality.

The ECI's constitutional mandate is not merely to maintain clean lists. It is to ensure free and fair elections. This means enabling the right to vote – not erecting barriers to it. In this, the ECI is failing. And the Court, while alert, must decide whether it will continue nudging it or start directing it. A soft caution is not enough when millions face disenfranchisement.

If this continues unchecked, we are entering dangerous territory. Voting could become a privilege of the documented middle class – urban, salaried, tech-savvy –while the poor, the displaced, and the undocumented are left behind. We risk creating two Indias: one with voting rights and one without. Political parties will then cater only to those who count – literally. Those without votes will be ignored in policymaking, welfare and justice. We are not just talking about voter lists here. We are talking about power – Who gets it. Who keeps it. And who is kept out of it.

A quiet Emergency

There is no need for tanks on the street to declare an emergency. A quiet one is already here. It arrives through missing names, unmet deadlines and unanswered questions. It arrives when state machinery treats citizenship as a favour, not a right. This moment calls for resistance – not just from the Court, but from citizens, civil society and Parliament. We must reclaim the principle that the right to vote belongs to the people, not the paperwork. *Sadak*, *samaj* and Supreme Court must loudly proclaim that Mother India belongs to all her children and that she does not discriminate on a religious or economic basis when her protection is sought.

As historian Ornit Shani reminds us in the book, *How India Became Democratic*, universal franchise was not an administrative accident, it was an imaginative leap. Bureaucrats and citizens together transformed a colonial mindset into a democratic one. That achievement must not be undone in the name of vigilance.

The ECI must remember that elections are not entrance examinations. They are acts of belonging. And in a democracy, you do not have to prove you belong. You vote because you are a citizen. And you are a citizen because the Constitution says so, not because you can find your birth certificate.

The vote is not a mere document. It is a declaration: that we are all equal. That one man has one vote and one vote has one value. That even if I have one vote out of 1.4 billion votes, it is an equal share in the republic, in which I and every Indian are equal participants. That right of ownership and participation is what is now at stake.

Transforming early childhood care and education

Jatin Goyal

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Understanding the key structural shifts driven by National Education Policy 2020 and preparing for them are essential

The National Education Policy 2020 (NEP) has ushered in transformative changes in the educational landscape of India, particularly in the field of Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE). While private schools have had nursery classes for long, government schools have historically admitted children only from Class one, thus sowing the seeds of inequity even before the start of schooling. By paving the way for the opening of preschool classes for 3-6 year olds in government schools – previously catered to only by Anganwadis in the public sector – the NEP has initiated a long-overdue structural transformation towards equity.

There are three key structural shifts in the ECCE sector, driven by the NEP, with each one unfolding at a different pace. Understanding these shifts and preparing for them is crucial in ensuring quality early childhood care and education for the nation's children.

An expansion

First, the expansion of the ECCE sector. A significant but often underappreciated shift is the anticipated growth of the ECCE sector by 2030, the target year for its universalisation. For decades, the public sector's ECCE infrastructure had stagnated at approximately 14 lakh Anganwadi centres. This is now set to expand significantly. With the NEP paving the way for three preschool classes (Balvatika-1,2,3) in government schools, the number of public ECCE classes will increase significantly. This will have substantial implications for personnel management, including the financing, recruitment, training and deployment of skilled ECCE providers.

The Ministry of Education has already begun allocating budgets under the Samagra Shiksha scheme for the ECCE. Many States and Union Territories (UTs) have begun utilising this provision to introduce preschool classes in government schools. But, some have not begun to use this provision, while others have under-utilised it with some training or material being added, without starting additional classes. The extent and manner of this utilisation needs to be tracked.

Migration from anganwadis

The second shift is the growing emphasis on education when compared to other ECCE services such as health and nutrition. This trend is already visible in the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, where the Union Territory has introduced a preschool class in all its primary schools, prioritising the admission of 4-6 year olds. This has resulted in a substantial migration of this age group from Anganwadis to schools.

Data shows that parents have overwhelmingly preferred preschool classes in schools over Anganwadis, when given both options. This migration is largely driven by the perception that schools offer better educational opportunities. As a result, the traditional image of Anganwadis as vibrant centres filled with toddlers is now at risk as more government schools open preschool classes, and children in the 3-6 year age group move out of Anganwadis to schools.

The Anganwadi system must adapt by emphasising education as a part of its ECCE services. The Ministry of Women and Child Development's 'Poshan bhi Padhai bhi' initiative is a timely step. However, its success depends on tangible implementation at the ground level, targeting an increase in measurable indicators such as the time spent by an Anganwadi worker on educational activities.

While schools cater to this demand, they need to be aware of the risks of excessive 'schoolification' of pre-schooling. They need to retain play at the centre of this education, in order to focus on the breadth of skills, instead of focusing on the narrower skills of reading and writing in the pre-school classes.

The critical role of home visits

Third, the potentially most transformative shift is the possible reorientation of the Anganwadi system to focus on children aged 0-3 years through home visits, rather than focusing on 3-6 year olds attending the centres. Research, such as the 'Perry Preschool at 50' study in the United States and the Yale university study in Odisha done in collaboration with Pratham, highlights the critical role of home visits in early childhood development programmes.

In India, policymakers such as V. K. Paul (Member, NITI Aayog) and N.C. Saxena (IAS, retired) have long advocated focusing on 0-3-year olds within the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) framework, given the disproportionate developmental benefits during this stage. While the Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme For Holistic Nourishment (POSHAN) Abhiyan has emphasised the importance of the first 1,000 days of life, implementation challenges persist. Overburdened Anganwadi workers naturally focus on 3-6 year olds who are physically present at the centres, leaving limited scope for individualised services to 0-3 year olds through home visits.

If government schools assume responsibility over 3-6 year-olds, we have a unique opportunity where the Anganwadi system could redirect its focus towards 0-3 year olds, along with the care of pregnant and lactating mothers, through more intensive home visits.

This shift, if realised, would mark a truly transformative change in India's ECCE framework. The seeds for this transition have already been sown in the NEP 2020.

The views expressed are personal

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trump's tariff tirade

The U.S. President's "25% tariffs from Friday plus a penalty" may not have been unexpected as Mr. Trump has given many hints about his disapproval of India's dealings with Russia. However, his comment that India and Russia can take their "dead economies down together" is shocking and reflects an unexplained contempt for both nations. As if this was not enough, his additional remark, of a U.S.-Pakistan oil reserve deal and the possible sale of this oil India "some day!", is akin to adding insult to injury to India's self-respect and national pride. The Government of India's response has been strangely meek and timid.

S.K. Choudhury,
Bengaluru

Debate in Parliament

'Operation Sindoor' is over and the Prime Minister, in his recent speech in Parliament, dwelt at length on the action taken. Therefore, it is unfortunate that the Congress leader and Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha is now attempting to tarnish 'Operation Sindoor' with his repeated questioning of the ceasefire. One expects a better standard of debate in Parliament from the Opposition.

Mani Nataraajan,
Chennai

Arrest of nuns

The arrest of the nuns in Chhattisgarh under 'trafficking and conversion charges' reeks more of communal vigilantism than credible law enforcement. When the kin of the tribal girls themselves deny coercion, the justification collapses. Anti-conversion laws, ostensibly to prevent forced conversions, are being misused to criminalise legitimate acts of charity, employment or faith. This is not governance. It is harassment, weaponised. When constitutional freedoms are at the mercy of fringe complaints and political appeasement, we risk replacing rule of law with rule by mob. The state must protect rights, not undermine them under pressure from ideological groups.

K. Chidanand Kumar,
Bengaluru

Appeasement politics in Kerala and divisive politics in North India, with an eye on the vote bank, is the tactic the ruling party at the Centre is indulging in to win elections. Rather than shedding crocodile tears and expressing well-rehearsed anguish, State leaders from this national party must walk the talk. .

Dr. Biju C. Mathew,
Thiruvananthapuram

Poverty, illiteracy and ailment are three prominent causes which are used by missionaries. The moot question is this: why were the tribal girls being taken to a place hundreds of kilometres away from Chhattisgarh? To debunk the arrests as communal vigilantism is lopsided.

Ravi Mathur,
Noida, Uttar Pradesh

Honour killing

Despite constitutional protections, it is evident that governments, central and State, have not shown a commitment to enacting legislation against honour killings, largely due to vote bank politics. Since societal beliefs in 'caste supremacy' are the root cause of these crimes, civil society has a responsibility to work collaboratively with the government to eliminate the illusion of 'caste pride' and ensure social harmony.

C. Raghavan,
Chennai

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Can the ICJ ruling force rich nations to pay for historical emissions?

Ted Nordhaus

American environmental thinker and co-founder of the Breakthrough Institute, which is based in California

Anand Grover

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PARLEY

On July 23, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) issued a landmark advisory opinion reaffirming states' legal obligations to mitigate climate change. The court emphasised that countries are required to reduce their greenhouse gases (GHG) emissions and support vulnerable nations. The ruling has sparked debates over sovereignty, enforcement, and global equity. Can the ICJ ruling force rich nations to pay for historical emissions? Ted Nordhaus and Anand Grover discuss the question in a conversation moderated by **Kunal Shankar**. Edited excerpts:

What are your thoughts on the ICJ's ruling?

Ted Nordhaus: There are a set of problems here. If you're saying international law could eventually impose obligations or criminal proceedings against nations responsible for emissions and resulting climate impacts... sure, in theory. But for that to materialise, we would need clear impacts – driven not just by climate variability but by climate change. You would have to detect trends in underlying physical phenomena and attribute those specifically to climate change. But with global warming around 1-1.5°C, we don't yet have strong anthropogenic signals in most events. Yes, the planet has warmed, but it is amplifying existing phenomena, not creating entirely new ones.

Then there is the question of consequences – how many people are in harm's way? Populations are moving into coastal zones for economic opportunity, not away from them. All this makes adjudicating these cases difficult. I'm sceptical that this will result in compelling or actionable international legal findings.

Anand Grover: The ICJ opinion is a legal statement, not an enforceable judgment. It doesn't allow states or individuals to easily show causality between a state's inaction and specific harm. That linkage is hard to prove. Say you want to show that a state failed to act and that caused a temperature rise of 1.5°C – how do you prove that link? And as Ted mentioned, these events would likely have occurred regardless, though climate change may exacerbate them.

Also, the structural problems in the international legal system remain. The U.S., a major emitter, backed out of the Paris Agreement and continues to subsidise fossil fuels. If you can't hold such states accountable, how will you hold anyone else? Even if the ICJ issued an enforceable order – unlikely – the UN Security Council could block enforcement. As we have seen in other cases such as Gaza, enforcement is political. That said, there is a positive: the ruling provides legal grounding for domestic courts. Countries that have ratified and incorporated treaties can now use this to hold their own governments accountable. That is useful, particularly for vulnerable island nations. But attributing harm to specific countries remains difficult.

Steam rises from the cooling towers of coal power blocks in Neurath, Germany. REUTERS

Anand, the court reaffirmed the 1.5°C threshold from the Paris Agreement, but we are likely to cross that soon. Should the court have gone further in addressing that?

AG: I don't think so. The court can't invent scientific facts. It must rely on established findings from the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) or other expert bodies. It can only say that there is a duty to reduce emissions to stay below 1.5°C, based on those findings. But it cannot prescribe emission limits or action plans. That is not its mandate. Also, as we know, targets have never really been met. The U.S. has withdrawn (from the Paris Agreement); others aren't cooperating.

Ted, U.S. President Donald Trump has announced a rollback of Obama-era regulations meant to curb carbon emissions that were undergirded by the Endangerment Finding. How do you see the ICJ's references to historical responsibility in this context?

TN: This all comes back to sovereignty. No sovereign nation will dismantle its energy system because a court tells them to – not the U.S., not India, not China. That is the reality. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 'endangerment finding' never really had teeth. The Biden administration tried to use it to phase out combustion engines by 2032, but it became a political liability.

There is this idea that international courts or legal mechanisms will force painful transitions onto reluctant countries. That is just not going to happen. The ICJ ruling doesn't change that. The politics aren't there. You won't get international legal action to translate into significant domestic shifts in major economies.

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>
> TED NORDHAUS

Would the Loss and Damage Fund may be more effective than the ICJ ruling?

TN: That is a false choice. Neither the ICJ ruling nor the fund is likely to push wealthy nations to provide substantial compensation. History shows they have not been serious about it. What little has come through is mostly rebranded development aid. If developing nations are waiting for climate reparations to finance development, they will be waiting a long time. Worse, the idea of reparations and legal redress has kept many of these countries tethered to frameworks that often restrict their access to energy. That is a poor trade-off.

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AG: I agree in part. Many international conventions were created to hold developing countries accountable. They were not applied equally to the West. For instance, human rights standards were used against countries in the Global South, but the West ignores them at home – take U.S. immigration policy, for example. Now, the West is in economic decline. Mr. Trump wants manufacturing back in the U.S. because wages are high and companies moved to China. To do that, he is relaxing environmental regulations. Yet he won't be held accountable. If the U.S. can ignore global norms, how can we expect compliance from others?

Still, I believe domestic courts can use the ICJ ruling effectively. Environmental groups can argue that governments failed to act. That is more feasible locally. But even this is getting harder. Courts in India, like in the U.S., are increasingly weak and politicised. Ten years ago, we couldn't imagine the Indian Supreme Court functioning as it does now. Just as in the U.S., we would not have expected the Supreme Court to undo affirmative action 10 years ago.

Would you agree with Ted that developing nations should not rely on reparations?

AG: Yes, we shouldn't. But that doesn't mean we abdicate responsibility. India's emissions impact Indians. Look at Delhi's air – every winter the city becomes unlivable. We must reduce emissions for our own sake. Technology can help, and if we develop it, we can even lead globally. But governments are beholden to corporate interests. During COVID-19, pharmaceutical companies dictated policy. The same is happening with energy. They resist upgrades because it cuts into profits. So we must act on our own, not wait for compensation.

Ted, your advocacy of ecomodernism hinges on technological solutions. But if these technologies don't reach developing countries, won't that hinder decarbonisation?

TN: The idea that the West develops tech and hands it off is outdated. China now leads in clean tech and exports to both the West and developing countries. India may follow. Technology flows aren't unidirectional any more. The 1990s framework of common but differentiated responsibilities and tech transfer is no longer valid. Yet the ICJ ruling still operates on that model. It doesn't reflect today's reality where clean tech flows in many directions. If we were crafting a framework today, we wouldn't do it the way the UNFCCC (UN Framework Convention on Climate Change) did in 1990.

Ted, do you see any positives in this ruling?

TN: Honestly, no. It feels like a zombie ruling – left over from a framework that has lost relevance. With the collapse of the post-Cold War order, this is just another effort to keep old institutions looking relevant.

AG: It still has value domestically. Activists and lawyers can use it to push their governments to act. But internationally, prospects are bleak.

The U.K.'s Shadow Energy Secretary claims that the ruling will trigger a wave of litigation against developed nations. Do you agree?

AG: No, that is alarmist. The ruling is vague on obligations and proof standards. Internationally, it won't result in litigation. Domestically, it can be used to argue that governments have failed to act. That is where the real potential lies.

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NOTEBOOK

How not to identify an illegal immigrant

People are being detained by the police simply because they speak a certain dialect or wear a particular garment

Alisha Dutta

In the winter of 2024, when Delhi was receiving 'cold wave' alerts, my phone would beep multiple times a day to alert me about the detainment of "illegal" Bangladeshi immigrants. The crackdown on the community began in Delhi after Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena's office issued an order to the police, in the aftermath of the regime change in Bangladesh, to identify foreign nationals "illegally" staying in the capital.

The police first began their searches in the *jhuggis* of Bengali-speaking migrant workers. When I asked them why certain people fell under their radar of suspicion, they said that their "suspects" spoke Bangla. Some of them also claimed that they had received "tips" from local folks who interpreted on their own the dialects spoken by the "suspects".

I realised then that due largely to the monolithic representation of Bengalis in the Hindi film industry, and the global reach of Bengalis in Kolkata, people are convinced that the Bengali spoken in Kolkata is the only "authentic" Bengali of Indians. If anyone speaks a different dialect of Bangla, which is the case across rural Bengal and even other urban parts of the State, they are at risk of being identified as Bangladeshi.

It is not just the police which holds such a belief. Some users on X posted that while *paani* (water) is a word used by Bangladeshis, *jol* is used by Indian Bengalis. This, they claimed, would help the police identify who is an "illegal" Bangladeshi and who isn't. What about the fact that *Charyapada*, an 8th century text, considered to be one of earliest examples of Bengali literature, also uses the word *paani* for water? No one has an answer.

The police, which is actively detaining migrant workers on the basis of the language they speak, have little space in their investigation for nuance. In once case, an officer told me that since he had found a worker sending money from India to Bangladesh, he had detained him. The detainee, however, told me that during the land parcel exchange between Bangladesh and India that was spearheaded by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he and his siblings chose to become Indian citizens while his parents remained in Bangladesh. He claimed that he was simply sending back money to support his ageing parents.

Other testimonies of detainees also show that legal complications and cross-border relationships do not find place in police interrogations. People have got into trouble simply for wearing a particular garment. A song composed by a few youths from rural Bengal highlights this racial profiling. It goes, "Just because I wear a lungi in a foreign land, I am being called a Bangladeshi. My choice of attire is based on the comfort I feel while working in this heat. That does not mean that I was born in Bangladesh and not in Bharat."

While documenting the stories of the detainees from West Bengal, and the police procedures, I have had people on social media hurl racial slurs at me and ask me to 'go back to Bangladesh'. But what has shocked me most is the continuing silence of Bengali public intellectuals. Having heard so often that Bengalis have a substantial influence in the media, in academia, and in the culture and arts space, I expected to see small protests or even a social movement against this ethnicity-based targeting. This has sadly not been the case. Does that mean that the intellectuals hold no power? Or are they just so far removed from all the other Bengalis and wish to be differentiated from the Bengali working class?

The crackdown that first impacted the Bengali Muslims has now started to impact the lower caste Hindu Bengalis as well. Will the intellectuals continue to mark their distance from the working class until those in power get impacted?

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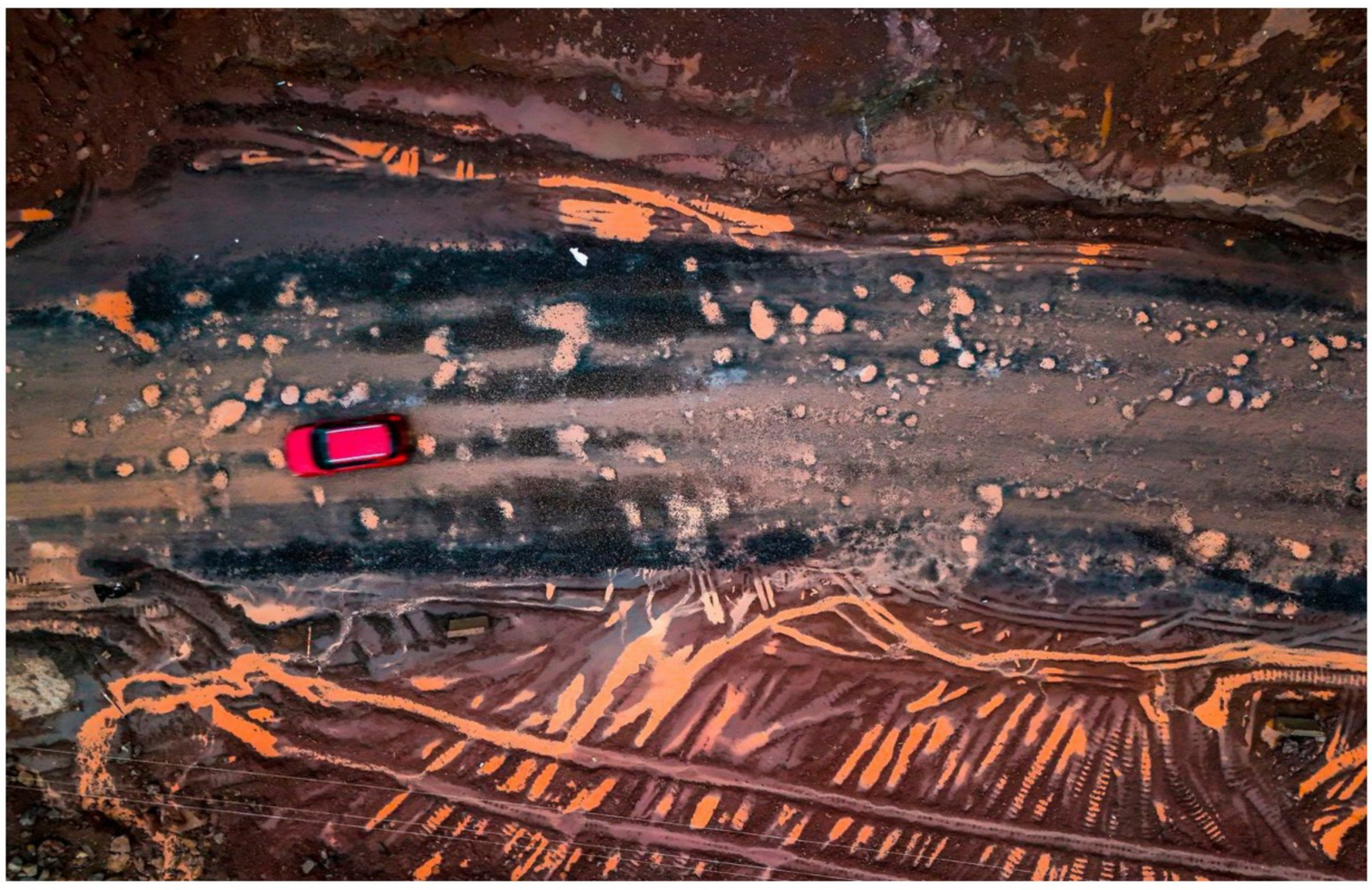
PICTURE OF THE WEEK

Not Mars, but Maharashtra



A highway near Kante village in Sangameshwar in Ratnagiri district, Maharashtra, where a lone red car navigates a pothole-ridden, rain-damaged road amid ongoing construction delays. EMMANUAL YOGINI

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FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 1, 1975

Karunanidhi takes delivery of Thai rice

Madras, July 31: The Chief Minister, Mr. M. Karunanidhi, to-day took delivery of the first consignment of Thailand rice for Tamil Nadu at a formal function in the Madras Harbour got up by the Food Corporation of India, and expressed happiness that the Centre had acceded to the request of the State Government to import rice. "It only shows that you can achieve success if you make a genuine request and follow it up persistently," he said. Mr. Karunanidhi thanked the Central Food Minister, Mr. Jagjivan Ram, and other Ministers for their response to the State Government's pleas. He wished for the day when the State's food problems would be over and when it could again be surplus so as to be able to help other States as before. Mr. S. Madhavan, Minister for Food, hoped that Tamil Nadu would get imported rice at the rate of a ship a week, to tide over its present difficulties.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO AUGUST 1, 1925

Presidency radio club

A general meeting of the Madras Presidency Radio Club was held last evening in the premises of the Club, in Casa Major Road, Egmore, to celebrate the anniversary of the Club. The Hon. Sir C.P. Ramaswami Iyer presided. There was a fair attendance of members. The Chairman, in the course of his opening remarks, said that he had the privilege of being connected with the Club from its inception.

From Page One

India is a 'bright spot', says Centre

The Centre said it was examining the impact of the 25% tariffs as well as undefined penalties for India's energy imports from Russia.

In a *suo motu* statement in Parliament on Thursday, Mr. Goyal said the government has been meeting domestic stakeholders, "including exporters and industry", to assess the impact of the new tariffs. He added that the government attaches "the utmost importance" to protecting and promoting the welfare of India's farmers, workers, entrepreneurs, exporters, micro, small and medium enterprises, and all sections of industry.

Mr. Goyal defended India's record on trade agreements, highlighting that in an increasingly protectionist world, India had entered into a number of "mutually beneficial" trade agreements with the UAE, the U.K., Australia and European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries.

"All things not good", Mr. Trump had said in a social media post on Wednesday, while saying that India would be paying a tariff of 25% plus a penalty from Friday for buying military hardware and energy from Russia.

Several hours later, on Thursday morning, he posted the U.S. and India "don't do a lot of trade". In 2024, India and the U.S. conducted trade in goods and services worth $186 billion, with a surplus of $41 billion in India's favour.

Growing U.S.-Pakistan ties

In another jibe, Mr. Trump added that Pakistan may be "selling oil to India someday!"

Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday thanked Mr. Trump for the "historic" trade agreement reached between Islamabad and Washington, and expressed hope that it would expand cooperation between the two nations. Pakistan currently imports oil from West Asia to meet its energy demands, but there are reports about vast offshore deposits that are largely unexplored due to a lack of technical expertise and funds.

(With PTI inputs)

Malegaon blast: court acquits all 7 accused

The judge said it was hard to establish the prosecution's claims of a conspiracy between the accused, adding that there was no evidence to prove claims that an organisation named Abhinav Bharat, founded by Ms. Thakur and Colonel Purohit, had used funds it generated to execute the bomb blast.

"There is no evidence to prove that Colonel Purohit sourced RDX from Kashmir or that he assembled the bomb at his residence. Although there were financial transactions between Purohit and another accused Ajay Rahirkar as officials of Abhinav Bharat, the money was used by Purohit only towards the construction of his house and LIC policy and not for any terrorist activity," Justice Lahoti said, in his oral observations.

The court accepted the prosecution's arguments that six people were killed in the bomb blast. However, it only accepted 95 people on the list of injured, and not 101 people as claimed, as some of the medical certificates were found to have been manipulated.

The court said the family members of the six deceased victims were eligible for a compensation of ₹2 lakh each, while those who were injured should be paid ₹50,000 each.

SC pulls up TG Speaker over defection plea

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court said on Thursday that it was about time Parliament reviewed its expectation that Assembly Speakers and Chairpersons would live up to the dignity of their high office and crush the "evil of political defection" by deciding disqualification proceedings against legislators in time and without favour.

The top court sounded the warning bells while directing the Telangana Assembly Speaker to decide the disqualification petitions pending for several months against 10 Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) MLAs who shifted allegiance to the ruling Congress in the State in 2024.

The verdict by a Bench headed by Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai said the Speaker must decide the anti-defection proceedings as early as possible, and not exceed three months at any cost. The court noted that disqualification proceedings often died a "natural death" after being kept in limbo by Speakers for months together until the tenure of the Assembly drew to an end.

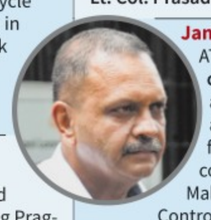
The court further ordered that the Telangana Speaker should draw adverse inference against any MLA.

Chief Justice Gavai, quoting from a speech made by the late parliamentarian Rajesh Pilot, observed the only intent to have made the Speaker/Chairman act as a Tribunal to adjudicate disqualification petitions was to "avoid dilly-dallying in the courts of law or the Election Commission".

"With the experience of over 30 years of working of the Tenth Schedule (anti-defection law) to the Constitution, the question that we will have to ask ourselves is whether the trust which the Parliament entrusted in the high office of the Speaker or the Chairman of avoiding delays in deciding the issue with regard to disqualification has been adhered to by the incumbents in the high office of Speaker and the Chairman or not?" Chief Justice Gavai said.

From hot pursuit to acquittal

Key developments in the Malegaon bomb blast case, in which an NIA court has acquitted all the accused 17 years later



Sept. 29, 2008: A bomb planted on a motorcycle goes off at Malegaon in Maharashtra's Nashik district, **killing six people** and injuring about 100

Oct. 23, 2008: Maharashtra's Anti-Terrorism Squad arrests four, including Pragya Singh Thakur, claims **the blast was carried out by right-wing extremists**

Nov. 5, 2008: ATS **arrests Lt. Col. Prasad Purohit**

Jan. 20, 2009: ATS files **chargesheet against 11 accused** before a special court, under Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA), Unlawful Activities Prevention Act and IPC

July 2010: On Maharashtra govt.'s appeal, Bombay HC overturns the special court order which said **provisions of MCOCA are not applicable in the case**

Aug. 2010: Purohit and Thakur **move Supreme Court against the HC order**

April 13, 2011: NIA takes over the case

Feb. and Dec. 2012: NIA arrests two more, **total arrests rise to 14**

April 2015: SC sends back case to the special court for reconsideration of applicability of MCOCA

Feb. 2016: NIA tells the special court that it has taken the Attorney General's **opinion on whether provisions of MCOCA can be applied**

May 13, 2016: NIA files chargesheet, drops MCOCA charges and **gives clean chit to seven accused**

April 25, 2017: Bombay **HC grants bail to Thakur**. By the year end, all arrested accused are out on bail

Oct. 30, 2018: Charges framed against seven accused, for committing a terrorist act, and for criminal conspiracy and murder

Dec. 3, 2018: Trial begins with the examination of the first witness in the case

April 19, 2025: Special **court closes trial** for judgment

July 31, 2025: Special NIA Judge A.K. Lahoti **acquits all seven accused**

Conspiracy to form narrative of 'saffron terror' foiled: BJP

Welcoming the judgment on the Malegaon blast case, the party says Congress had sought to stop rise of Narendra Modi and Amit Shah; it seeks compensation for those who have been acquitted

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

> It was a well calculated conspiracy of the Congress party for sheer vote bank politics. We welcome the court's decision
>
> **RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD**
> BJP Member of Parliament

The acquittal of all seven accused in the 2008 Malegaon blast case "destroyed the Congress's conspiracy to manufacture a false narrative of 'Hindu terrorism' in order to stop the rise of the BJP and its leaders Narendra Modi and Amit Shah, and to appease Muslims," the BJP claimed on Thursday.

Welcoming the court ruling, the party demanded an apology from former Congress presidents Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi. It sought compensation for those acquitted and demanded that action be taken against those involved in torturing and falsely implicating them. Among the accused were former BJP MP Pragya Singh Thakur and Lieutenant Colonel Prasad Purohit.

"It was a well calculated conspiracy of the Congress party for sheer vote bank politics. We welcome the court's decision, which has once again proved that you cannot falsify the truth by your diabolical design for too long; truth has the uncanny habit of reappearing with alarming regularity," former Union Minister and senior BJP MP Ravi Shankar Prasad said at a press conference. "Colonel Purohit, ... who fought against terrorism in Kashmir, was framed... Pragya Thakur, a very good leader, was accused of bringing a bomb on her motorcycle. She was tortured for 10 to 11 days to the extent that it became difficult for her to walk later," he said.

Mr. Prasad said that under the Congress-led UPA regime, the then Home Minister P. Chidambaram had spoken about 'saffron terror' at a Director-Generals of Police conference in 2012. "Another Home Minister, Sushilkumar Shinde had also talked about 'saffron terror'. Rahul Gandhi, in a conversation with the American Ambassador, had said 'Hindu terror is more deadly than Lashkar-e-Taiba'...," he said.

Claiming the police were acting under pressure from the UPA government then, Chief Minister of Maharashtra Devendra Fadnavis said, "Congress should apologise for spreading the false narrative of saffron terrorism!"

Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said, "The Congress used 'saffron terror' for vote bank politics. With this verdict, the mask has fallen."

RSS, VHP hail court verdict

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

Hailing the court verdict, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) on Thursday said the malicious attempt to link the Hindu religion and the entire Hindu society with terrorism failed, and the truth had come out in the open.

Sunil Ambekar, national publicity in-charge of the RSS, said, "On the basis of the long judicial process and facts, the court has defeated those baseless allegations."

Alok Kumar, international president of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), said there had been an attempt to implicate top leaders of the VHP and the RSS in the case. The verdict "is not just about the seven acquitted individuals but also about the conspiracy to defame the entire Hindu community that has collapsed today," he said.

Families of victims to seek remedy by moving Bombay HC

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

NIA did not pursue perjury charges against witnesses who turned hostile despite requests from the victims, says advocate

In the wake of the acquittal of all the accused in the 2008 Malegaon blast case, families of victims expressed deep disappointment and vowed to challenge the judgment.

Speaking to journalists in Malegaon, 67-year-old Liyaqat Shaikh, whose 10-year-old daughter Farheen was the youngest victim of the blast, said, "The court's judgment is wrong. We will move the Supreme Court to seek justice. My daughter had only stepped out to buy *vada-pav* when the bomb blast happened."

Another grieving father, Nisar Ahmed, who lost his son Sayyed Azhar in the explosion, said, "The judgment is unfair. We will seek justice by filing a separate case in the Bombay High Court," he said.

Advocate Shahid Nadeem, representing the victims in the case, told *The Hindu* that the Malegaon 2008 bomb blast case highlights significant failures on the part of the National Investigation Agency (NIA). "It exemplifies a situation where there seems to be a lack of effective strategy. The victims continue to suffer from the trauma they experienced, and the special NIA court's decision to grant the accused the benefit of the doubt indicates the agency's inability to prosecute effectively."

He further added that the witnesses turned hostile during the trial but "the NIA did not pursue perjury charges against any of them, despite requests from the victims".

"As an advocate who attended the trial daily, I believe that the NIA could have performed better had it prioritised the concerns of the victims. The victims are determined to seek justice and will pursue legal remedies by filing an independent appeal in the Bombay High Court after reviewing the judgment," Mr. Nadeem said.

'Bajrang Dal forced us to make false statement against nuns'

Shubhomoy Sikdar
RAIPUR

Tribal woman says that police put in remarks that she had not made and that she was threatened to stay silent

Kamleshwari Pradhan – one of the tribal women the Keralite nuns jailed in Chhattisgarh are accused of trafficking – has alleged that she was coerced and tortured by Bajrang Dal members to give a false statement.

Nuns Preethi Mary and Vandana Francis along with Narayanpur resident Sukhman Mandavi were charged with trafficking and forcibly converting the women, and subsequently arrested at Durg Railway station after a Bajrang Dal member Ravi Nigam lodged a complaint against them.

Denying these allegations, Ms. Pradhan, who is now back in her home district of Narayanpur, told presspersons on Thursday that she had conveyed as much to the police but her statement was not recorded properly.

"They assaulted us and said if we did not say what they wanted us to, then they would put my brother and the sisters [the arrested nuns] in jail," she said.

Ms. Pradhan reiterated that the nuns and Ms. Mandavi should be released.

She further claimed the police put in things she never said.

"When I tried to speak, they asked me to stay silent," she said, adding that she had not said that she was being taken forcibly or that she was being told to change her religion.

Charge denied

Ravi Nigam, the complainant in the case, denied these allegations while police officers were unavailable for a comment. "We have neither threatened nor beaten anyone. There are CCTV cameras installed at the Railway station, the truth will come out through them," said Mr. Nigam.

Brinda Karat flays arrest of nuns in 'manufactured case'

The Hindu Bureau
RAIPUR

Calling the recent arrest of two Kerala-based Christian nuns and a Narayanpur resident in Chhattisgarh's Durg on charges of trafficking and religious conversion a "manufactured case", Communist Party of India (Marxist) leader Brinda Karat has alleged that the action amounted to an infringement of the rights of tribal women.

A complaint by a Bajrang Dal member had alleged that the three were trafficking three tribal girls from Narayanpur district from Durg to Agra with the intent of religious conversion.

Brinda Karat had met the arrested nuns in jail. PTI

"Are there separate rules for adivasi adult women who want to leave voluntarily to look for employment elsewhere? Do they need a passport from Bajrang Dal to travel?" asked Ms. Karat, who had met the nuns Preethi Mary and Vandana Francis, and Sukhman Mandavi in jail on Wednesday.

She said that preventing Mr. Mandavi and the nuns from travelling and demanding documentation were discriminatory. Ms. Karat added that the issue should concern all of India.

Speaking to *The Hindu* over phone, Ms. Karat said Bajrang Dal members who caused a disturbance at the Railway station had acted with an agenda. She further claimed that the nuns were subjected to hardship at the station and in jail. "Both are over 55 years old and both of them have quite severe medical problems. They are being made to sleep on the cold floor which has really aggravated their problems. And when we met them, they were both running a temperature," she said.

Modi to inaugurate science conference to mark M.S. Swaminathan's birth centenary

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate a three-day science conference organised by the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) on August 7 to mark the birth centenary of M.S. Swaminathan. The event will take place at Indian Council of Agricultural Research in New Delhi.

At a media briefing here on Thursday, Soumya Swaminathan, Chairperson of the MSSRF, said the Prime Minister would release a reprint of *In Search of Biohappiness*, a book authored by the late M.S. Swaminathan in 2011.

Soumya Swaminathan

In addition to the book, he will unveil a special commemorative volume published by *The Hindu*, featuring articles written by MSS's colleagues and family, besides a stamp and a commemorative ₹100 coin.

"The concept of biohappiness, a term coined by Professor Swaminathan, focuses on how sustainable use of biodiversity can improve food security, incomes, and quality of life while also restoring lost biodiversity. This concept and its vision will be discussed at the upcoming conference, which will include 30 international speakers, 120 national experts, and 300 farmers," said Dr. Swaminathan.

She added that the goal was to integrate traditional agricultural knowledge with modern science, a belief long championed by Professor Swaminathan, who argued that technology and ecological wisdom should go hand-in-hand.

The conference will also feature the M.S. Swaminathan Award for Food and Peace, a global recognition for scientists contributing to these fields.

The first award, supported by the MSSRF and The World Academy of Sciences, will be presented by Mr. Modi on August 7. It has a prize amount of $25,000.

There will also be private sector participation. The MSSRF and the Social Alpha are also launching the Agritech Grand Challenge, which will provide a grant of ₹1 crore to support early-stage ideas, pilot projects, and successful innovations that need scaling.

PM, UAE President seek to deepen collaboration

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke over the phone to the President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, a government statement said on Thursday.

Both the leaders laid emphasis on further developing and deepening the collaboration between the two countries, the statement added.

APPEAL

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INDIA bloc to intensify protests against electoral roll revision

Opposition leaders to stage a march to the Election Commission headquarters next week, taking their protest beyond Parliament; Rahul Gandhi, Tejashwi Yadav to lead a two-week campaign against the exercise from second week of August

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The INDIA bloc parties, in an unanimous decision at their meeting on Thursday, resolved to intensify their protests against the ongoing special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar, both inside and outside Parliament.

The INDIA bloc leaders have decided to organise a protest march to the Election Commission (EC) headquarters next week. Rahul Gandhi, the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, suggested during the meeting that the Opposition must establish that the EC is going beyond its mandate to determine the citizenship of voters during the SIR exercise. He also urged the INDIA bloc parties to use accessible language in their protests – such as "vote *bandi*" (along the lines of "notebandi", the colloquial term used for demonetisation), "vote *ki chori*", and "vote *ki* loot" (both meaning vote theft).

Sonia Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi, and other leaders protesting on Parliament premises in New Delhi on Thursday. ANI

Mr. Gandhi, along with Rashtriya Janata Dal leader Tejashwi Yadav, will conduct a two-week-long campaign on the SIR issue from the second week of August.

To ensure that their focus remains firmly trained on the SIR, the INDIA bloc leaders deliberately decided not to discuss U.S. President Donald Trump's announcement of a 25% tariff on Indian goods at their meeting.

According to sources, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge will host a dinner for the INDIA bloc parties next week. "Rahul Gandhi told the gathering today that he will make a presentation on that day on the issue, using the example of Karnataka," a senior Congress leader said.

Mr. Gandhi recently claimed that his team has discovered electoral irregularities in Karnataka. "We showed everyone how match-fixing happened in Maharashtra. We investigated one Lok Sabha seat in Karnataka – large-scale vote theft was found, we will soon bring it before the public," he said in a post on X.

Apart from Mr. Kharge and Mr. Gandhi, other key leaders who attended the meeting included the Trinamool Congress's Rajya Sabha leader Derek O'Brien, Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam leaders T.R. Baalu and Tiruchi Siva, Samajwadi Party leader Ramgopal Yadav, the Nationalist Congress Party (Sharad Pawar)'s Supriya Sule, the Communist Party of India (CPI)'s P. Sandosh Kumar, the CPI (Marxist)'s John Brittas, and Raja Ram Singh of the CPI (Marxist-Leninist) Liberation party.

Parliament derailed

Earlier in the day, Opposition protests completely derailed the functioning of both Houses of Parliament. The Upper House witnessed three adjournments – the first soon after convening at 11.00 a.m., when it was adjourned till noon, and then till 2.00 p.m. amid protests by Opposition MPs, and the third just shortly after 2.00 p.m. At 4.30 p.m., the Rajya Sabha met briefly, just to allow Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal to present his statement on Mr. Trump's tariff announcement.

Similar scenes unfolded in the Lok Sabha, which saw two adjournments. In total, the Lower House only functioned for 23 minutes during the day.

There is no category called 'suspicious voters' under RP Act, EC informs Rajya Sabha

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

Amid the ongoing special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar, the Election Commission (EC), through the Union Ministry of Law and Justice, informed the Rajya Sabha that there was no category called "suspicious voters" under the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

The Minister was responding to a question from Samajwadi Party (SP) MP Ramji Lal Suman, who had asked whether "suspicious voters" had cast their votes in the 2024 Lok Sabha election.

The EC, in a statement on June 24, cited various reasons, including rapid urbanisation, frequent migration, young citizens becoming eligible to vote, non-reporting of deaths, and inclusion of the names of "foreign illegal immigrants" as reasons that necessitated the conduct of a special revision of the electoral roll, to ensure its integrity and to keep it error-free.

Arjun Ram Meghwal

"The Election Commission has informed that there is no category of suspicious voters as per the Representation of the People Act, 1951," Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal said in his written reply in the Rajya Sabha.

Mr. Suman also asked if electronic voting machines (EVMs) could be manipulated. The EC informed that election results could not be manipulated with EVMs, Mr. Meghwal said.

The Law Ministry, in response to another question from Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) MP Manoj Kumar Jha on Aadhaar linkage to Voter IDs, said that the Representation of the People Act, as amended by the Election Laws (Amendment) Act, 2021, allowed electoral registration officers to require existing or prospective electors to provide their Aadhaar numbers for establishing their identity on a voluntary basis.

"The EC vide its instruction dated 4th July, 2022, has launched the programme to collect the Aadhaar number of existing and prospective electors on a voluntary basis from 1st August, 2022 in all States and Union Territories. The linking of Aadhaar with Electoral Photo Identity Card has not yet started," the commission said.

The response has come months after the EC announced it would commence the Aadhaar-linking process soon.

INBRIEF

Cabinet Committee approves four multi-tracking projects

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Thursday approved four multi-tracking projects covering 13 districts across Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, Odisha, and Jharkhand, increasing the existing network of the Indian Railways by about 574 km. "The total estimated cost of the projects is approximately ₹11,169 crore and the multi-tracking will be completed by 2028-29," a spokesperson of the Indian Railways said.

Cabinet enhances budgetary allocation for PMKSY

The Union Cabinet on Thursday increased the budgetary outlay for the flagship scheme Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) by ₹1,920 crore to ₹6,520 crore to boost the food processing sector. The enhanced funds, to be provided this fiscal, will be utilised for 50 multi-product food irradiation units and 100 food testing labs. The decision in this regard was taken in the meeting of the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. PTI

'Two-year waiting period for planned procedures at AIIMS'

The general waiting period for planned procedures at the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi, can extend up to two years owing to heavy patient load, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Prataprao Jadhav has informed the Rajya Sabha. He said that the waiting period in general surgery is up to two months, while gynaecology, critical malignancy cases may face a delay of up to three months. In gastrointestinal surgeries, although critical cases are prioritised, the waiting period ranges from three to six months.

Over 4.6 crore cases pending in lower courts, says Centre

Over 4.6 crore cases are pending in various lower courts across India, Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal told the Rajya Sabha on Thursday. There are 86,723 cases pending in the Supreme Court, while 63,29,222 cases are pending in High Courts across India, the Minister said in a written reply. The numbers were obtained from the National Judicial Data Grid, he said. "As per information received from the High Courts, 865 Fast Track Courts are functional across 21 States/Union Territories as on 30.06.2025," Mr. Meghwal said. Fast Track Courts have disposed 76,57,175 cases till date, whereas 14,38,198 cases are pending with them.

Draft Bihar electoral rolls after SIR to be published today

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A day ahead of the publication of the draft electoral rolls in Bihar following the special intensive revision (SIR) exercise, Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar on Thursday assured voters in the State that all electors and political parties would be invited to give claims and objections from August 1 to September 1. "The draft electoral rolls of Bihar are being published on Friday at https://voters.eci.gov.in/download," the CEC said in a message to voters.

"Physical as well as digital copies will also be given to all recognised political parties in Bihar in all 38 districts by all the 38 District Election Officers of Bihar."

The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Bihar and 243 Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) will also be inviting electors or any recognised political parties in Bihar to come forward and give claims and objections from August 1 to September 1 for adding and removing names and correction of entries in the draft electoral rolls, the CEC added.

The final electoral roll after the SIR exercise, which began on June 24, would be published on September 30.

On July 27, the EC had, in a detailed press note, said that 91.69% of electors registered in the 2025 voter list in Bihar had submitted enumeration forms and would figure in the draft list to be published on August 1.

Of the 7.89 crore electors as on June 24, over 7.24 crore electors had submitted enumeration forms, indicating overwhelming participation, the poll body said in a statement. This, in effect, means that the names of 65 lakh voters would not make it to the August 1 draft roll.

The EC said the reasons for names not being found on the rolls included death, permanent relocation, and being enrolled at multiple places. It said young electors, who have attained 18 years of age on July 1, or would be attaining 18 years on or before October 1, 2025, were being encouraged to file their application in Form 6, along with the prescribed Declaration Form.

The commission said it would conduct special campaigns across Bihar from August 1 to September 1 to enrol such young electors, so that all eligible electors can be enrolled, and no one is left out.

EC finalises electoral college list for V-P election

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission (EC) on Thursday said that it has finalised the electoral college list for the Vice-Presidential election. It will be available from the date of notification, "which is likely to be announced soon", it said. The election was necessitated by the sudden resignation of Jagdeep Dhankhar.

The EC is mandated to conduct the election to the office of the Vice-President of India under Article 324 of the Constitution. The Vice-President is elected by an electoral college comprising the elected and nominated members of the Rajya Sabha, as well as the elected members of the Lok Sabha.

"Accordingly, the Commission has finalised the electoral college list for the Vice-Presidential Election, 2025. These members are listed in a continuous serial order, arranged alphabetically based on the State/Union Territory," the EC said in a statement.

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE & CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE 2025

(Rs. in Crores)

S. No	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		Quarter ended		Year ended	Quarter ended		Year ended
		30.06.2025	30.06.2024	31.03.2025	30.06.2025	30.06.2024	31.03.2025
		(Unaudited)		(Audited)	(Unaudited)		(Audited)
1	Total income from operations	10,081.00	8,375.59	36,251.32	12,210.05	10,314.47	44,089.01
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional items)	1,053.07	782.91	3,628.79	977.19	730.43	3,505.35
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)	1,053.07	782.91	3,628.79	977.19	730.43	3,505.35
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	778.59	577.32	2,710.54	642.86	484.82	2,379.81
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss) (after tax)]	748.36	561.80	2,743.16	660.77	455.12	2,427.03
6	Paid up Equity share capital (Face value of Re.1/- each)	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	-	-	9,889.14	-	-	8,455.87
8	Security Premium Account	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
9	Networth	10,723.74	8,283.33	9,966.18	9,079.92	7,180.46	8,481.39
10	Outstanding Debt	1,648.83	864.46	1,441.38	23,857.66	22,736.70	23,500.76
11	Outstanding redeemable Preference Shares	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
12	Debt Equity Ratio (Times)	0.15	0.10	0.15	2.61	3.16	2.76
13	Earnings Per Share (Face value of Re. 1/- each) (not annualised) (i) Basic (in Rs.) (ii) Diluted (in Rs.)	16.39 16.39	12.15 12.15	57.05 57.05	12.84 12.84	9.70 9.70	47.05 47.05
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary) (Times)	4.82	6.55	5.36	3.34	4.14	2.92
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary) (Times)	32.28	28.53	30.65	17.26	13.54	14.57
18	Current Ratio (Times)	0.56	0.64	0.60	1.11	1.04	1.12
19	Long term debt to working capital (Times)	-	-	-	1.85	2.37	1.81
20	Bad debts to Accounts Receivable ratio (Times)	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Current liability ratio (Times)	0.88	0.82	0.84	0.60	0.61	0.60
22	Total debts to total assets ratio (Times)	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.58	0.60	0.58
23	Debtors Turnover ratio (Times)	30.20	25.45	28.08	28.21	23.55	24.80
24	Inventory Turnover ratio (Times)	17.45	16.94	16.64	12.81	11.26	11.46
25	Operating Margin (%)	12.5	11.5	12.3	10.9	9.8	10.8
26	Net Profit Margin (%)	7.7	6.9	7.5	5.3	4.7	5.4

Notes:

1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 and 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the Stock exchange websites (www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com) and on Company's website (www.tvsmotor.com).

2 Figures for the previous periods have been regrouped, wherever necessary, to conform to the current period's classification.

3 The Detailed Financial Results of the Company for the Quarter ended 30th June 2025 can be accessed through the below QR code.

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INBRIEF

Lt.-Gen. Pushpendra Singh to take over as Army vice-chief

Lieutenant-General Pushpendra Singh, an officer of the Parachute Regiment, has been appointed the Vice-Chief of the Army Staff. He will assume charge on Friday. Lieutenant-General Singh has had an illustrious career spanning more than 35 years. He will succeed Lt.-Gen. N.S. Raja Subramani. The Vice-Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice-Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, is set to be the next Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Western Naval Command. Vice-Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan, set to be the next VCNS, will take charge on Friday, confirmed a senior official.

Delhi High Court rejects plea by Turkish company Celebi

The Delhi High Court on Thursday dismissed a plea by the Turkish-based firm Celebi Ground Handling India Private Limited against the Centre's decision to revoke its security clearance. Justice Tejas Karia noted that similar pleas had been quashed earlier. A different Bench, on July 7, dismissed pleas by two Turkey-based firms challenging the revocation of their security clearance by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Safety.

SC agrees to hear pleas on Rohingya's status as 'refugees'

The Supreme Court decided on Thursday to hear in detail the question of whether the Rohingya can be treated as 'refugees', or if they are illegal immigrants. A Bench headed by Justice Surya Kant said that once this question was answered authoritatively, the consequences would flow automatically. The Bench agreed to hear arguments on whether persons, including illegal entrants to India, could be detained indefinitely.

BJP ruined India's economy, defence, foreign policy: Rahul

Congress leader endorses Trump's 'dead economy' statement; party chief Kharge questions PM's silence on U.S. President's 'baseless allegations'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Rahul Gandhi speaking to presspersons on the Parliament House premises in New Delhi on Wednesday. ANI

Endorsing U.S. President Donald Trump's statement that India's economy is a "dead economy", Rahul Gandhi, the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, on Thursday said Mr. Trump has stated a fact that everyone knows except the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister.

Mr. Gandhi accused the BJP of destroying India's economy, defence, and foreign policy and "running the country to the ground".

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, in a post on X, took a more nuanced position and asked if Prime Minister Narendra Modi will remain silent on the baseless allegations against India. However, Mr. Kharge did not specifically refer to the "dead economy" comment.

A couple of other Congress MPs did not back Mr. Gandhi's stance too, with Lok Sabha member Shashi Tharoor and Rajya Sabha member Rajeev Shukla being the prominent ones who contradicted Mr. Trump's statement.

"He [Mr. Trump] is right, everybody knows this except the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister. Everybody knows that the Indian economy is a dead economy. I am glad that President Trump has stated a fact," Mr. Gandhi told presspersons in Parliament complex on being asked for a response to the U.S. President's comments on social media about "Russia and India being dead economies".

"Is there any confusion? The whole world knows that the BJP destroyed the economy to help [Gautam] Adani*ji*," the Opposition leader added.

He attacked the country's foreign policy. "The External Affairs Minister gives a speech that we have a genius foreign policy. On one hand, the U.S. is abusing you and on the other hand China is after you. And thirdly, when you send delegations across the globe, no country condemns Pakistan," he said.

Referring to the Prime Minister's speech in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday, the Congress leader said Mr. Modi neither took Mr. Trump's name nor that of China.

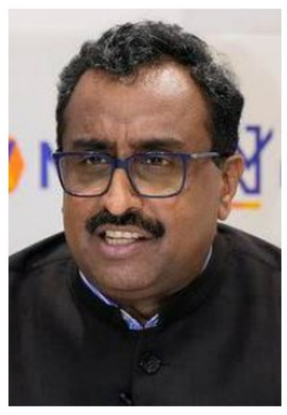
"He (Modi) did not say that no country condemned Pakistan. Trump is having lunch with the Pakistan military chief who was behind the Pahalgam attack, and they are saying there has been a big success. What success is this," Mr. Gandhi asked.

Dead decade: BJP

Countering Mr. Gandhi, BJP leader Anurag Thakur accused the Congress leader of latching onto any "anti-India statement made by anyone in any part of the world". "People have seen the lost decade or the dead decade during the UPA rule," Mr. Thakur said.

'Trump trying to arm-twist India through harsh tariffs'

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI



Ram Madhav

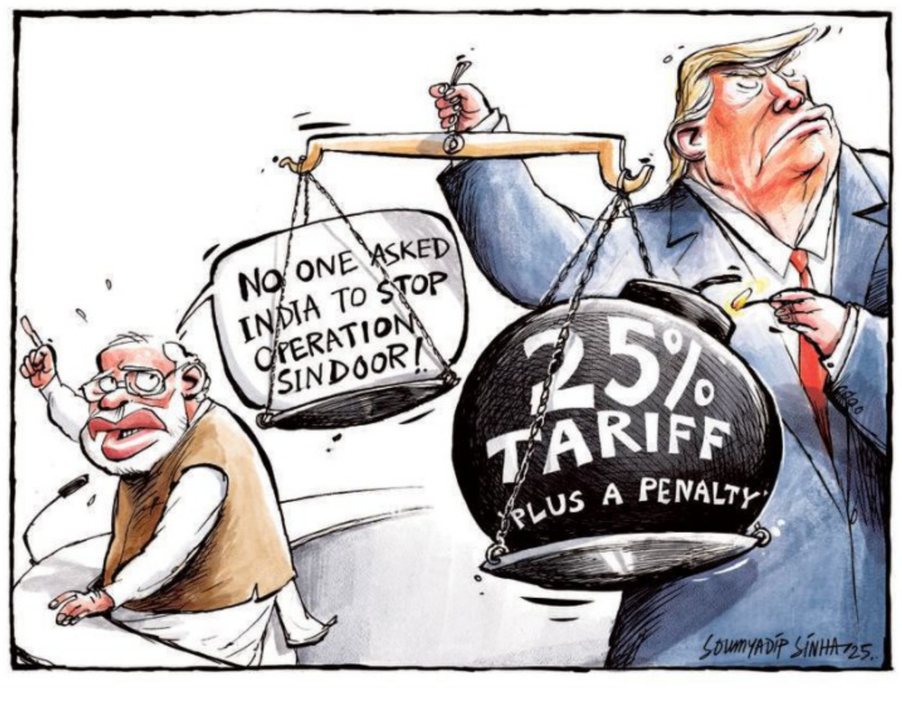
U.S. President Donald Trump's announcement that he is imposing 25% tariffs on imports from India, plus a hefty penalty for buying Russian oil, is being seen as a dramatic escalation in the India-U.S. relationship under the Trump regime.

Ram Madhav, former BJP general secretary and president of the conservative think tank India Foundation, said the tariff announcement and the subsequent rough statements on India by Mr. Trump have as much to do with China, as with India itself.

"China is just months away behind the U.S. in terms of its progress in deep-tech areas. India is the fourth big economic power, and the strategists in U.S. believe that is the only country that can help stem China's rise. Majority of the countries in the EU have close trade ties with China and will be reluctant to take sides between the U.S. and China. That makes India even more important for the U.S. in its battles against China. However, Mr. Trump finds Mr. [Narendra] Modi a hard nut to crack and Indian foreign policy under him firmly rooting for strategic autonomy," he said.

"While the EU, South Korea and other countries quietly surrendered to Mr. Trump's dictates, India refuses to do so, increasing the unease in Washington DC. That is the reason why Mr. Trump is trying to resort to extreme measures like 25% tariffs to arm-twist India," he said.

On the draw



EVMs are tamper-proof, EC says after verification

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Election Commission (EC) on Thursday stated that electronic voting machines are "tamper-proof" after the completion of the 'Checking and Verification' process for the 2024 Maharashtra Assembly election.

"CEC carried out the exercise across 10 Assembly constituencies and found that in all cases the machines passed the diagnostic tests and there has been no mismatch in the count of VVPAT slips," the commission said in a statement.

'Station' in Ladakh begins research to simulate life on Mars

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

To prepare for possible manned missions to the moon and potentially Mars, Protoplanet, a Bengaluru-based company involved in space science popularisation, launched human outer planet exploration (HOPE) in Tso Kar, Ladakh, the company said.

HOPE is intended to be a research station where selected "crew" – beginning Friday – will take turns inhabiting the station as part of a 10-day "isolation mission". "They will undergo extensive physiological and psychological studies to assess human adaptability and resilience in conditions simulating deep space environments," Protoplanet said.

The high-altitude and cold desert-like conditions here serve as an "exceptional analogue site, closely mimicking the geological and environmental conditions found on the moon and Mars", it noted.

"ISRO funded a portion of the station's development as well as advised on the criteria for selecting candidates," Siddharth Pandey, director, Protoplanet, told *The Hindu*.

Advanced guided-missile frigate delivered to Navy

Saurabh Trivedi
NEW DELHI

New milestone: GRSE delivers *Himgiri*, an indigenous advanced guided-missile frigate under Project 17A, to the Indian Navy. PTI

The Indian Navy on Thursday received the advanced guided-missile frigate *Himgiri* built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) in Kolkata.

The Navy called it a major milestone in achieving self-reliance in warship design and construction. *Himgiri* (Yard 3022) is the third ship of Nilgiri Class (Project 17A) and the first of the class built at GRSE. The Project 17A frigates are versatile multi-mission platforms, designed to address future challenges in the maritime domain.

According to the Navy, *Himgiri* is modelled on the erstwhile *INS Himgiri*, a Leander-class frigate, which was decommissioned on May 6, 2025, after 30 years of service to the nation. Designed by the Warship Design Bureau and overseen by the Warship Overseeing Team (Kolkata), the ship is modular, ergonomic and built within the envisaged timelines.

Trump, negotiation team 'frustrated' with India, says U.S. official

Press Trust of India
NEW YORK

U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent on Thursday said President Donald Trump and the entire trade negotiation team had been "frustrated" with India over the trade talks.

His comments came a day after Mr. Trump announced a 25% tariff on all goods coming from India starting August 1, plus an unspecified penalty for buying Russian crude oil and military equipment.

"I don't know what's going to happen. It will be up to India. India came to the table early. They've been slow rolling things. So I think the President, the whole trade team, have been frustrated with them," Mr. Bessent told *CNBC*. He also said that India has been a large buyer of oil from Russia, which is facing sanctions, and reselling it. "So, they [India] have not been a great global actor," he said.

The tariff announcement is being seen as a pressure tactic to get India to agree to demands made by the U.S., which has, in recent days, got favourable trade deals with Japan, the U.K. and the EU.

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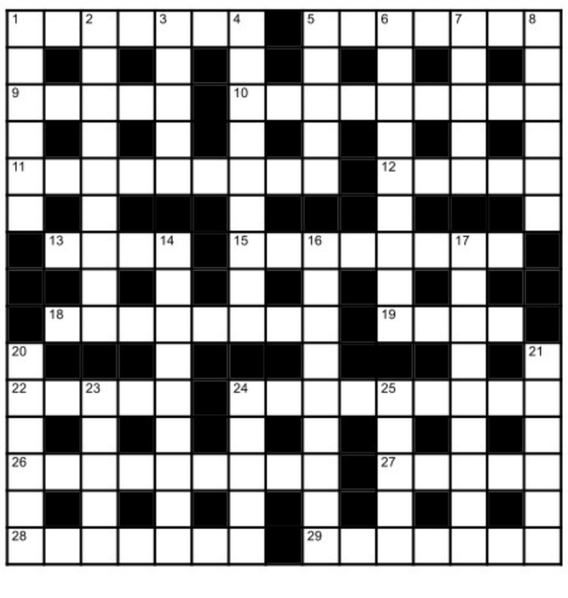

Across

1 Fancy act, expose everything inside (7)
5 Horse gets crabby at regular intervals - it's horrible (7)
9 Sent a criminal behind (5)
10 Essentially halt in place for an abrupt evolutionary change (9)
11 Retain collection - agree to entertain a complaint (9)
12 It was decreed that butter was short (5)
13 Sprinkles half of them by dropping (4)
15 Badly disillusioned dudes leave the state (8)
18 Glad at heart to increase value (8)
19 One follows hard grind (4)
22 Openly corrupt - people finally withdrew support (5)
24 Discontented landlord pockets potential earning in city (9)
26 European boy in China upset with hot dish (9)
27 Money in box returned to banks (5)
28 Regularly resells product like fish (7)
29 Broken twit reveals duplicity (7)

Down

1 Caught up with Ayrton on the French Riviera (6)
2 Ramstein gets cut flower (9)
3 Start from zero again as others receive a point (5)
4 Conductor contains alternative current (9)
5 Italian PM is short but sweet (5)
6 About 12.5 mm, in other words not large bird (9)
7 Suitably contrived, don't say constructed (5)
8 Perhaps need an answer to Nina from Carolina (6)
14 American actor combining nation and art somehow (9)
16 Bide one's time till criminal in law caught - that's it (3,2,4)
17 Funny or amusing? One doesn't know (9)
20 Extremely sharp - he is on a round (6)
21 No side-stepping initially for him to come up with an invention (6)
23 Resident in Kargil - a cold place going up north (5)
24 Minimum is close to five in the final (5)
25 Doctor, surgeon go away as one tends to patients (5)

SUDOKU

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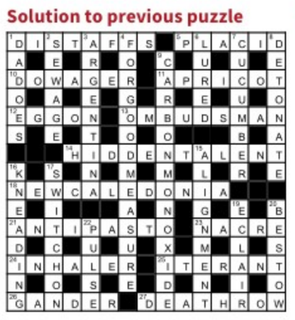

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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9	3	2	1	6	8	7	4	5
7	5	6	3	4	2	8	1	9
8	4	1	9	5	7	6	2	3

FAITH

Remorse and liberation

Srimad Bhagavatham discusses whether the human body belongs to the provider of food, who gives sustenance, or to one's father, who gave life, or to the mother, who cared for the child. It also ponders whether a maternal grandfather might have ownership in case of adoption, or whether a powerful man might claim ownership where force is used, such as with bonded labour. These examples show the complexity of the ownership question.

This discussion highlights the impermanence and uncertainty of human body ownership. Although a man may boast of his body while living, it ultimately becomes a worm after death if buried, or ashes if cremated. Reflecting on this, the text poses a question: why should a man pamper his body for self-interest, especially if he risks perdition for unleashing violence against other living beings?

Brahma Sri. SundarKumar, in a discourse, emphasised that people should use the faculties given by God to pray and derive His blessings. He narrated the story of Nalakubara and Manigreeva, sons of Kubera, who committed undesirable acts out of haughtiness and incurred the curse of Sage Narada. This story drives home the message that, whoever it may be, they cannot escape punishment for their misdeeds. Realising their mistakes, Nalakubara and Manigreeva sought pardon, and the sage assured them that Lord Krishna would ultimately liberate them. They lived for 100 celestial years as Arjuna trees. To fulfil the words of the sage, the Lord, as infant Krishna, who was bound to a mortar with a cord by his mother Yasodha, crawled between the trees. They fell and rose on the spot as two celestial figures and got liberated.

INBRIEF

TVS Motor Q1 net profit jumps 35% on higher revenue

TVS Motor reported first-quarter net profit rose 35% on higher revenue. The company's net profit increased to ₹779 crore in the first quarter of 2025-26 from ₹577 crore in the same period last year. Revenue grew 20% to ₹10,081 crore in the April-June quarter of 2025-26 from ₹8,376 crore in the same period last year. Overall two-wheeler and three-wheeler sales, including exports, grew 17%, registering sales of 12.77 lakh units in the April-June 2025 period as against 10.87 lakh units in the comparable period last year.

Adani Enterprises Q1 net profit halves to ₹734 crore

Adani Enterprises Ltd., the holding company of the Adani Group, for the first quarter ended June 30, 2025 reported an almost 50% decline in consolidated net profit at ₹734 crore compared with ₹1,458 crore a year earlier. While EBITDA was down 12% year on year (YoY) to ₹3,786 crore, total income during the quarter fell 14% YoY to ₹22,437 crore. "Adani Enterprises has established itself as one of the world's most successful infrastructure incubators," Chairman Gautam Adani said in a statement.

I-T officials search Nuvama offices over Jane Street links

Income Tax Department officials conducted searches at various offices of Nuvama Wealth Management Ltd. on Thursday, according to sources. Nuvama said in an exchange filing that it was fully cooperating with the I-T authorities in the search. The wealth management firm was reportedly trading in India for Jane Street. The grounds of the searches were not known and Nuvama maintained that the searches had not concluded. Its shares declined 2.5% to close at ₹7,228 on the BSE reacting to the report.

'Tariff on Indian pharma supplies will strain U.S. healthcare budgets'

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

U.S. President Donald Trump's decision to impose 25% tariffs on goods imported from India may interrupt the smooth trade flow, inflate U.S. drug costs, stall treatments, and put even greater pressure on American healthcare budgets, cautioned pharma experts in India.

Back home, profits of Indian pharma firms may decline, and research and development may stagnate, slowing down innovation and stalling new drug clearances, they added.

"India isn't just a key supplier of generic medicines to the U.S. but also part of the backbone of affordable global healthcare. This move is a wake-up call and India must double down on securing free trade agreements with other major economies," said Sanjaya Mariwala, executive chairman and MD of OmniActive Health Technologies.

Stating that India had long been a cornerstone of the global pharmaceutical supply chain, especially in generics, Bhavin Mukund, vice-chairman, Pharmexcil said, "While we understand the evolving trade policies of our global partners, the proposed 25% tariff on Indian pharma imports raises concerns about rising costs and potential disruptions in medicine access for U.S. patients. Such policy shifts could inadvertently affect public health outcomes."

SC recalls May 2 verdict for Bhushan Steel liquidation

Special Bench lists review petitions for detailed hearing on August 7; says it is a fit case wherein judgment under review needs to be recalled and the matter is to be considered afresh

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A Special Bench of the Supreme Court headed by Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai on Thursday recalled a May 2 verdict of the court which rejected a resolution plan submitted by JSW Steel for Bhushan Power and Steel Ltd. (BPSL).

The apex court judgment had further ordered the liquidation of BPSL to commence.

However, on Thursday, the Bench decided to hear the case afresh. It was of the prime facie view that the judgment in May, authored by Justice Bela Trivedi (now retired), had not clearly appreciated the legal position in the case.

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> **SPECIAL BENCH**

"Prima facie, we are of the view that the judgment did not correctly consider the legal position laid down in a catena of judgments," the Bench noted.

It said various factual aspects had to be taken into consideration in the case.

"This is a fit case wherein judgment under review need to be recalled and the matter is to be considered afresh," the court concluded. It listed the review petitions for detailed hearing on August 7.

On May 26, the apex court had ordered status quo in the liquidation proceedings before the National Company Law Tribunal. The court had passed the order of status quo on liquidation to give JSW time to file a review petition.

The court had, at the time, said status quo ought to prevail for BPSL in the interest of justice and to avoid future complications. JSW had argued that the case was complicated, and must not be rushed into liquidation. Senior advocate Neeraj Kishan Kaul, for JSW, had informed the court that BPSL had an annual turnover of ₹28,000 crore in one year. The firm employed 25,000 people.

On May 2, the Supreme Court had found JSW's Resolution Plan for BPSL in "flagrant violation and contravention" of the law.

The court had faulted the Committee of Creditors (CoC) for accepting the Resolution Plan.

The CoC, represented by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, too submitted his reservations about the May 2 judgment.

'Apparel exports to U.S. may slow down'

The Hindu Bureau
COIMBATORE

Apparel exports from India to the U.S. are expected to slide till a bilateral trade agreement is signed between the two countries.

Sudhir Sekhri, chairman of AEPC, said in a release that the U.S. tariff of 25% is higher than what was expected. The BTA should hopefully be concluded by October-December 2025. "The penalty is a grey area and we hope the government will negotiate this with the U.S.," he said.

The steep tariff increase puts immense pressure on Indian exporters, many of whom operate on wafer-thin margins. Exporters may be forced to either absorb the additional costs, hurting profitability, or pass them on to U.S. buyers, which can further dampen demand. The impact will be severe on labour-intensive units, said executive director of the Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council Siddhartha Rajagopal.

Maruti Suzuki Q1 net rises 2% to ₹3,712 cr.

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Maruti Suzuki India reported a 1.7% growth in Q1 net profit to ₹3,712 crore from ₹3,641 crore in the year ago period. The company registered net sales income of ₹36,625 crore against ₹33,875 crore a year earlier, an increase of 8.11%.

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"The decline in domestic sales of 4.5% was compensated by a robust 37.4% growth in exports, resulting in an overall sales volume increase of 1.1% for the quarter, year-on-year," the company said. It sold a total of 5,27,861 vehicles comprising domestic sales of 4,30,889 units and exports of 96,972 units.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	THURSDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	81,186	-0.36
US Dollar	87.65	0.17
Gold	98,020	-0.50
Brent oil	72.54	-0.94

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2430.70	-102.20
Adani Ports	1373.10	-20.90
Apollo Hosp	7498.00	48.00
Asian Paints	2396.10	-19.70
Axis Bank	1068.40	-4.90
Bajaj Auto	8008.00	-35.50
Bajaj Finserv	1948.00	-11.80
Bajaj Finance	881.20	-3.65
Bharat Elec	383.10	-3.40
Bharti Airtel	1914.30	-18.30
Cipla	1554.60	-4.80
Coal India	376.35	-3.55
Dr Reddys Lab	1270.30	-21.80
Eicher Motors	5468.50	-12.50
Eternal Ltd.	307.80	4.35
Grasim Ind	2746.40	-12.20
HCL Tech	1467.90	-8.60
HDFC Bank	2018.20	-7.60
HDFC Life	755.50	-1.95
Hero MotoCorp	4260.70	9.40
Hindalco	683.05	-5.75
Hind Unilever	2521.20	83.80
ICICI Bank	1481.40	-1.00
IndusInd Bank	798.90	-3.00
Infosys	1509.00	-10.00
ITC	411.95	4.35
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	329.25	8.95
JSW Steel	1048.30	10.40
Kotak Bank	1978.60	18.90
L&T	3636.50	-28.60
M&M	3203.10	-5.80
Maruti Suzuki	12608.00	-10.00
NestleIndia	2247.70	16.20
NTPC	334.25	-4.55
ONGC	241.00	-0.81
PowerGrid Corp	291.00	2.05
Reliance Ind	1390.20	-19.90
SBI Life	1840.70	1.60
State Bank	796.55	-5.10
Shriram Finance Ltd.	630.85	-1.95
Sun Pharma	1706.70	-27.10
TataConsumerProduct	1073.20	0.10
Tata Motors	665.95	-2.50
Tata Steel	157.94	-3.42
TCS	3036.80	-16.80
Tech Mahindra	1463.70	0.50
Titan	3347.30	-29.20
Trent Ltd.	5018.00	-25.50
UltraTech Cement	12249.00	-19.00
Wipro	248.30	-1.90

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on July 31

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	87.40	87.72
Euro	99.85	100.21
British Pound	115.47	115.90
Japanese Yen (100)	58.27	58.48
Chinese Yuan	12.15	12.19
Swiss Franc	107.36	107.76
Singapore Dollar	67.34	67.60
Canadian Dollar	63.09	63.33
Malaysian Ringitt	20.47	20.57
Australian Dollar	56.26	56.47

Source:Indian Bank

Tata Motors to acquire Italian CV company Iveco for ₹38,000 crore

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

Tata Motors Ltd. has signed an agreement to acquire Iveco Group N.V. a European leader in commercial vehicles and mobility, through a subsidiary for ₹38,000 crore ($4.5 billion).

Iveco Group board has recommended Tata Motors' all-cash voluntary tender offer for Iveco Group common shares. This all-cash deal will be funded through a bridge loan to be repaid in four years and Tata Motors said it would raise €I billion in equity to fund the acquisition, chief financial officer P.B. Balaji told journalists.

This will be Tata Motors' biggest acquisition, once complete.

In 2008 the company had acquired Jaguar Land Rover for $2.3 billion. Mr. Balaji said this Iveco deal would be one of the top acquisitions of the Tata Group which had earlier acquired Corus and Tetley besides JLR and Daewoo Commercial Vehicles.

The completion of the offer is conditional on the separation of Iveco's defence business.

Together, Iveco and the commercial vehicle business of Tata Motors will have combined revenue of ₹2,20,000 crore.

N. Chandrasekaran, chairman, Tata Motors, said, "This is a logical next step will allow the combined group to compete on a truly global basis with two strategic home markets in India and Europe."

Digital firms flag cost, jurisdiction to certify mobile numbers

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

There is a possibility for the framework to be extended.

Online firms are worried about the financial consequences of a draft telecom rule setting up a framework to validate mobile numbers' lawful owners.

The draft Telecommunications (Telecom Cyber Security) Amendment Rules, 2025 would allow telecom operators to collect up to ₹3 per validation request from private entities and in return confirm the name of a phone number's legal subscriber.

The Internet and Mobile Association of India, which represents firms like Google, Apple and Amazon, expressed its concern to the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) in a filing provided to *The Hindu*.

"The draft amendments introduce a new class of regulated entities, "telecommunication identifier user entity" ('TIUE') and defines them as any person or entity, other than a licensee or authorised entity using telecom identifiers for user identification or service delivery," IAMAI said. "This definition is unqualified and will cover nearly all digital platforms or services that use mobile numbers."

Bringing to tech firms' doorstep "rules to platforms that neither provide telecom services nor operate telecom infrastructure is not only a clear overreach of the delegated legislative power under the [2023 Telecommunications] Act but will also have broad implications for digital businesses across fintech, e-com, mobility, social media and any service that relies on telecom identifiers," the IAMAI said.

Costs flagged

In June, a senior DoT official indicated to *The Hindu* the service may remain optional for private firms. However, the draft leaves open the possibility for the framework to later be expanded to cover certain sectors to mandatorily validate customers' phone numbers. At a discussion held by the tech policy portal *MediaNama* on Thursday, legal experts questioned the DoT's competence to issue such rules to entities that were not telecom operators.

Think tank CUTS International said, "The government should rather focus on strengthening the ongoing initiatives aimed at addressing the issue of telecom cybersecurity and avoid inconsistent approaches. The net impact of the draft amendment rules on key stakeholders such as businesses, consumers and digital markets, is likely to be significantly negative."

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE 2025

(Rs. in Crores)

S. No	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		Quarter ended		Year ended	Quarter ended		Year ended
		30.06.2025	30.06.2024	31.03.2025	30.06.2025	30.06.2024	31.03.2025
		(Unaudited)		(Audited)	(Unaudited)		(Audited)
1	Total Income	55.26	136.37	644.05	12,753.64	10,390.73	45,032.85
2	Net Profit / (Loss) before tax (before Exceptional Items)	14.78	15.02	410.09	1,018.58	724.18	3,593.63
3	Net Profit / (Loss) before tax (after Exceptional Items) (Including discontinued operations)	14.78	15.02	410.09	1,018.58	732.28	3,616.12
4	Net Profit / (Loss) after tax (after Exceptional Items)	12.90	12.82	352.16	675.36	481.03	2,409.25
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss) (after tax)]	10.63	12.80	349.73	691.00	451.09	2,458.30
6	Equity share Capital (Face value of Rs.5/- each)	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12	10.12
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)			1,601.02			4,677.27
8	Security Premium Account	36.42	36.42	36.42	36.42	36.42	36.42
9	Networth	1616.50	1453.12	1,604.56	4,030.22	2,809.37	3,685.20
10	Outstanding Debt	943.81	643.64	943.81	33,049.33	26,958.06	32,488.03
11	Outstanding redeemable Preference Shares	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	Debt Equity Ratio (Including exceptional item)	0.57	0.39	0.45	5.62	7.70	5.93
13	Earnings Per Share (Face value of Rs.5/- each) (not annualised) (In Rs.)						
	(i) Basic	6.38	6.34	174.06	165.85	107.20	575.41
	(ii) Diluted	6.38	6.34	174.06	165.85	107.20	575.41
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
18	Current ratio (Times)	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
19	Long term debt to working capital (Times)	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
20	Bad debts to Accounts Receivable (Times)	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
21	Current Liability Ratio (Times)	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
22	Total debts to total assets ratio (Times)	0.36	0.30	0.34	0.60	0.59	0.60
23	Debtors Turnover ratio (Times)	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
24	Inventory Turnover ratio (Times)	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
25	Operating Margin (%)	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
26	Net Profit Margin (%)	23.34	9.40	54.68	5.30	4.59	5.35

Notes:

1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulations 33 & 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the Stock exchanges websites (www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com) and on Company's website (www.tvsholdings.com).

2 Figures for the previous periods have been regrouped, wherever necessary, to conform to the current period's classification.

3 The Detailed Financial Results of the Company for the Quarter ended 30th June 2025 can be accessed through the below QR code.

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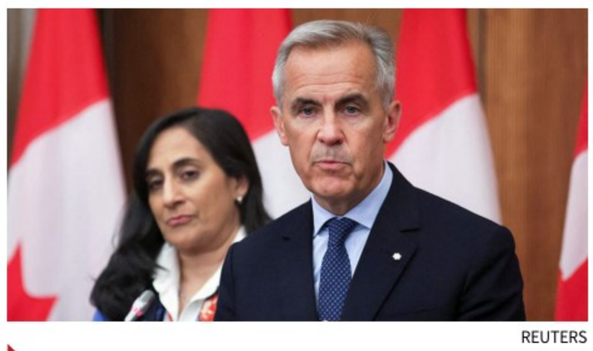
OTTAWA

Canada to recognise Palestinian state, announces PM Mark Carney

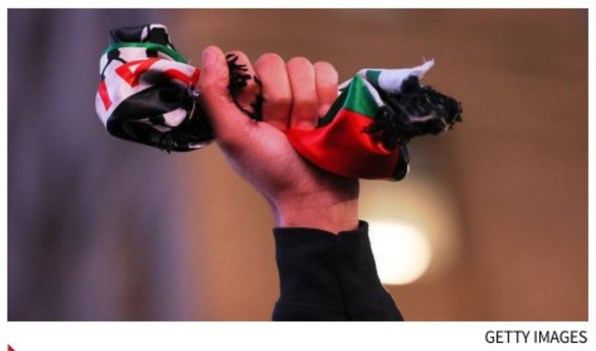


REUTERS

Canada plans to recognise the State of Palestine at the UN General Assembly in September, Prime Minister Mark Carney announced on Wednesday, following similar moves by France and the U.K. Canada's recognition is contingent on Palestinian Authority reforms, general elections in 2026, and no Hamas involvement. REUTERS

WASHINGTON

U.S. sanctions Palestine Authority officials and denies them visas



GETTY IMAGES

The United States said on Thursday it would deny visas to Palestinian Authority officials, accusing them of trying to "internationalise" their conflict with Israel via courts like the ICC and ICJ. This move comes amid increasing global recognition of Palestine and tensions over the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. AFP

KYIV

Russia says it has seized Chasiv Yar, after 16 months of fierce fighting

AP

Russia on Thursday claims to have captured Chasiv Yar after 16 months of fierce fighting, while Ukraine denies losing the town and says its forces hold the western edge. It underscores systemic problems plaguing the Ukrainian army that have given Russian forces the edge after three and a half years of brutal fighting. AFP

WASHINGTON

Trump gives Mexico 90-day tariff reprieve as duty deadline looms

AFP

U.S. President Trump gave Mexico a 90-day extension on higher tariffs after a call with President Sheinbaum, avoiding a 30% tariff on most Mexican goods for now. Mr. Trump said that the U.S. would continue to levy a 50% tariff on Mexican steel, aluminium and copper and a 25% tariff on Mexican autos. REUTERS

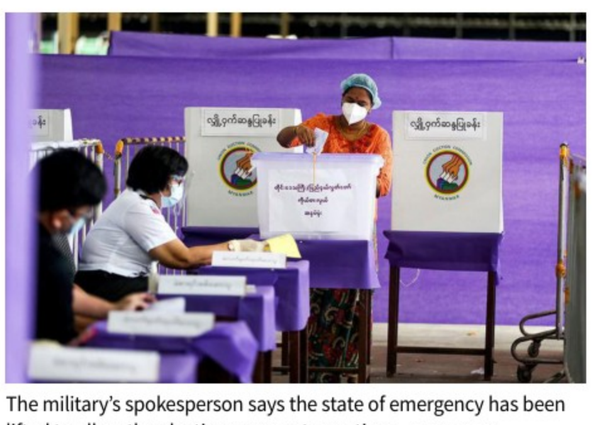
Myanmar ends state of emergency, plans to hold elections by year-end

The government has restructured its administrative bodies to prepare for new elections; the head of the military regime, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, gives up two posts but will serve in other positions that keep him at the centre of power

Associated Press
BANGKOK

Myanmar's military government announced on Thursday it was ending the state of emergency it first declared after seizing power four and a half years ago and restructuring its administrative bodies to prepare for a new election at the end of the year.

The plans for the polls on an unspecified date in December face serious obstacles, including a civil war raging over most of the country and vows by opponents of military rule to derail the election because they believe it can be neither free nor fair.



The military's spokesperson says the state of emergency has been lifted to allow the election process to continue. FILE PHOTO

Under the restructuring, the head of the military government, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, gives up two posts but will serve in other positions that keep him at the centre of power.

The joint announcements came as the last of seven consecutive six-month, emergency-rule decrees was set to expire on Thursday at midnight.

Fraud claims

The military imposed emergency rule and created new administrative structures after it ousted the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi on February 1, 2021, arresting her and members of her ruling National League for Democracy party. The military claimed Ms. Suu Kyi's government failed to address fraud claims in the 2020 election, though independent observers did not find irregularities.

Maj. Gen. Zaw Min Tun, the military's spokesperson, said the state of emergency has been lifted to allow the election process to continue.

"Elections will be held within six months after the emergency period is lifted," he said.

The existing administrative bodies formed after the army takeover, including the State Administration Council, have been dissolved and all government functions have been handed to the National Defence and Security Council, Mr. Zaw Min Tun said.

Pak. court jails nearly 200 supporters of Imran Khan

Associated Press
LAHORE

A court in eastern Pakistan on Thursday sentenced an Opposition leader and nearly 200 supporters of imprisoned former Prime Minister Imran Khan to 10 years in prison each over the 2023 riots that erupted over Mr. Khan's arrest, officials said.

The court announced the verdict against 196 people, including Opposition leader Omar Ayub, in three separate cases heard in the city of Faisalabad in Punjab province. The charges stemmed from the May 9, 2023 violence that spread nationwide after Mr. Khan's arrest.

The violence subsided only after Mr. Khan was released on the orders of Pakistan's Supreme Court. However, a trial court later convicted him in August 2023, and he has not appeared in public since. Some of his supporters have since been tried and sentenced by military courts.

Omar Ayub

Among those convicted by the court on Thursday were at least six members of the National Assembly and a senator from Mr. Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party, or PTI.

"They were accused of participating in attacks on military officers, government buildings and vehicles during the 2023 riots", a defence lawyer Changaiz Kakar said. He added that it was the first time that political activists have been convicted and sentenced in such large numbers, and that appeals would be filed against these convictions.

Gohar Ali Khan, chairman of PTI, denounced the latest convictions, saying Mr. Ayub and others were sentenced in "baseless" cases. He said the verdicts came just ahead of planned rallies to mark the third anniversary of Mr. Khan's conviction in multiple cases.

Structural cracks emerge in the India-U.S. strategic partnership

NEWS ANALYSIS

Varghese K. George

What is going wrong with India-U.S. ties, often celebrated by both sides as a definitive partnership of the 21st century? Is this just a glitch caused by a strident strain of American nationalism and its volatile champion, President Donald Trump or is the current turmoil a sign of structural tensions that had been simmering beneath the rhetoric?

Last week, only days ahead of the meltdown, this is how a State Department official described the prospects of ties with India to *The Hindu*: "The U.S.-India relationship is both strong and a high priority for the administration. The U.S. has long-term, strategic interests in partnering with India, including cooperating on space, defence, energy, trade, and technology."

And then the cracks came out in the open, and how. While the above statement reflects an optimistic strand – Secretary of State Marco Rubio shares this view, going by his past statements – a more sceptical approach towards India is gaining currency among the influencers of American strategy in Washington DC. They point to structural factors that could derail the gains made after a nasty showdown between the two countries after Pokhran 2 in 1998. A recent article by Ashley J Tellis titled 'India's Great-Power Delusions' is an example. Mr. Tellis used to be a strong votary for American 'strategic altruism' towards India.

Strategy in both India and the U.S. is now hostage to the fickle sentiments of respective nationalist audiences. In this game, the U.S. and India are not equal. There is a fundamental conflict between India's need to constantly advertise itself on the world stage and American scepticism of such power projections by anyone else, friend or foe. India used to maintain a benign strategic demeanour, articulating its ambitions in terms of human development, and carefully calibrating its claims for a larger global role. There was a bipartisan view that India's rise would be a global good. The rise of America First splintered American strategic outlook, and now only one part of it continues to be optimistic about India, while a strong strand is of concern.

U.S. is proud of its capacity to have parallel partnerships with rival pairs, but would not appreciate the same logic thrown back at it.

India sceptics

These sceptics range from those who see an illiberal turn in India's trajectory to someone like Senator Lindsay Graham, a Trump acolyte. The India First foreign policy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi sought to be more assertive internationally and also adhere to – not abandon – India's traditional path of strategic autonomy. India's new normal which predicts military strikes in response to terrorism is difficult for the U.S. to encourage. The American fear of a nuclear flashpoint undermines India's status as a stabilising power.

As a superpower, the U.S. is proud of its capacity to have parallel partnerships with rival pairs – Qatar and Saudi Arabia-UAE, South Korea and Japan, India and Pakistan, for instance. It would argue that each relationship stands on its own individual context and merits. The U.S. would not appreciate the same logic thrown back at it by its partners, however, and India's relations with Iran and Russia have been of particular concern for it. While the U.S. does not like India questioning its ties with Pakistan, it questions India on its ties with Russia and Iran.

India has interests in an increasing geographical spectrum of the planet, and its super power ambitions under Mr. Modi only heightens this desire of multiple alliances. According to External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, it is '*Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas*' – 'with all, development of all' - in foreign policy.

This advantage of India could have been a currency in its relations with the U.S., and the world. But as it turns out, each one's relations with other countries is creating more rift in India-U.S. ties. A strategic lock-in within the U.S. does not sit well with Indian nationalism, and certainly not of with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) which views the West with scepticism. India's neighbourhood, which is of critical interest for the U.S., is now again a source of tension between the two countries.

Mr. Trump did not care much about India's ties with Russia, as he himself wanted to reset U.S.-Russia relationship. With his hopes of mediating an end of the Ukraine war dimming, the one point of convergence between America First and India First lost traction. What is left is U.S. concerns about India's involvement with BRICS, Russia and Iran and India's resentment with the new thaw in U.S.-Pakistan relations. The Trump administration is on the one the hand exploring a detente with China; and on the other, scaling up cooperation with Pakistan, partly to wean it off from Beijing. Pakistan is also back in American calculus as a counter terrorism partner – just at the moment India is trying to expose its support for terrorism.

India has always leveraged its market in ties with the U.S. But protectionist measures increased in the recent years as India sought to build up its manufacturing sector. Indian market has remained an unrealisable dream for the U.S. By insisting on a complete opening up of the market, Mr. Trump has brought it to a head. These are all structural factors that take the shine off India-U.S. ties, a trade deal or not.

NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION

Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Aquaculture (RGCA), under MPEDA (Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India), invites quotations from firms/manufacturers for a Rate Contract for the supply of aquaculture consumables (Chemicals, Glass ware, Feeds, Probiotics, etc.) to RGCA projects across India.
Details and item lists are available at **https://v2.rgca.co.in**
Last Date: 30.08.2025, 6:00 P.M.
Mode: By Post / Courier only.
DIRECTOR, RGCA

DELHI TRANSCO LIMITED

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

Delhi Transco Ltd (A Government of NCT of Delhi Undertaking) intends to invite online Two Part Domestic Competitive Bidding (DCB) for the following work:

Tender No.T25P090651: Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 220 kV and 33 kV bays with associated equipments for 100 MVA Power Transformers at various DTL Substation on turnkey basis.

For complete details of the tender please visit following websites:-

https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in (Tender ID No.: 2025_DTL_276119_1) and **https://dtl.gov.in** (Tender Reference No.: DTL-9683-290725)

Last date for bid submission: 16.09.2025 at 01.30 P.M.

All corrigendum/ Addendum/ Amendments/ Date of Extensions/Clarifications etc. to this e-tender will be hosted on the above website only. Bidders should regularly visit website to keep themselves updated.

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

No.: EEP/e-tender Date: 24.07.2025

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal Only)

Tenders are invited through KPP Portal: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in under "GOODS" category on 22.07.2025, 23.07.2025, & 24.07.2025** as per RTPS requirements. Procurement of **1. KPCL/2025-26/IND1724/ CALL-2,** Lab instruments, glassware, tools & consumables. EMD: **Rs. 13,500/-. 2. KPCL/2025-26/IND1783,** Bearings on Annual rate contract basis for a period of one year & extendable to one more year with same rates and terms & conditions on mutual consent for RTPS. EMD: **Rs. 1,00,000/-. 3. KPCL/2024-25/IND1541/CALL-3,** insulation cover plate assembly for mills of Unit 5 & 6 of RTPS. EMD: **Rs. 18,600/-. 4. KPCL/2024-25/IND1358/CALL-4,** Water valves for unit 1 to 4 boilers of RTPS. EMD: **Rs. 2,500/-. 5. KPCL/2025-26/IND1869,** Major & Minor hopper valves & Spares for Unit - 7 of RTPS. EMD: **Rs. 15,300/-. 6. KPCL/2025-26/IND1866,** D Shackle, Wrench, Polyster Slings, Chain Pulley Blocks for day-to-day electrical maintenance activities. EMD: **Rs. 1,300/-. 7. KPCL/2025-26/IND1867,** NU 244 ECMA/C3 Bearing for U8 CWP. EMD: **Rs. 1,600/-.** Last date & time for receipt of tenders: For Sl. No. 3 : **05.08.2025,16:00Hrs.** For Sl. No. 4: **06.08.2025,16:00Hrs.** For Sl. No. 5: **07.08.2025,16:00Hrs.** For Sl. No. 1: **08.08.2025,16:00Hrs.** For Sl. No. 6 & 7: **11.08.2025, 16:00Hrs.** For Sl. No. 2: **25.08.2025, 16:00Hrs.** Further details contact **Executive Engineer (Purchase),** Mobile: **94495 97966,** e-mail: **eeprtps@gmail.com**.

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from reputed bidders through e-portal against **NIT No. KPCL/2025-36/PS/WORK_INDENT3074/CALL-3, Dated: 25.07.025** for the work of "Periodical Special Assistance and Annual Maintenance works of Generator, Transformers, Station Transformers, ICTs, Line & Bus reactors, Unit Auxiliary Transformers, Colony Power Supply Transformers & OLA Transformers and allied equipments for a period of 12 months". EMD: **Rs. 1,37,650/-.** Last date for submission of bids: **07.08.2025 upto16:30Hrs.** Further details contact **Executive Engineer (Transformer), RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar - 584170, Raichur District,** Mobile: **94495 96519,** Website: **https://kpcl.karnataka.gov.in.**

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Interested candidates may send their application in prescribed format to RGCA by email **on or before 21.08.2025**.
The email id is: **admnrgca@gmail.com.**
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Brief E- TENDER NOTICE : CORRIGENDUM-I (SALE EXTENSION)
No: e-Tender Notice No.CMG/C/CON/258708-(I) Dt: 30.07.2025

Refer to Tender No CMG/C/CON/258708 dated 15.07.2025 Name of work: **"Structural repairs, External Painting and Replacement of damaged steel windows with UPVC windows at VAB, SLP, SDSC SHAR" (Est. cost Rs.335 Lakhs).**

Sale period extended up to 08.08.2025

Interested tenderers may visit **www.isro.gov.in** or **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO** for details.
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RECRUITMENT

NCESS conducts walk-in interview on **12.08.2025** at its campus in Thiruvananthapuram, for the posts of **Field Assistant (Electrical)** and **Plumber** on contract basis. Please visit website for details. Further changes, if any, will be notified through website only.
Website: **www.ncess.gov.in** /Phone No: 0471-2511500.
Sd/ Head, Administration (i/c)

FABULOUS NUMBERS

Gill becomes Indian captain with most runs in a Test series

GETTY IMAGES

Shubman Gill became the Indian captain with most runs in a series on the opening day of the fifth Test against England. Gill overtook Sunil Gavaskar's tally of 732 runs achieved in the six-match home series against the West Indies in 1978-79. Gill, who fell for 21, has so far amassed 743 runs in his maiden series at the helm.

BREAKING THE JINX

Pope gets the DRS call right in his 15th attempt

AFP

England's stand-in captain Ollie Pope finally got a review right. Gus Atkinson struck Yashasvi Jaiswal in front of the stumps and the on-field umpire turned down the appeal. However, the DRS proved Pope right much to the delight of his teammates and regular captain Ben Stokes. Pope had lost his previous 14 reviews.

WRETCHED LUCK

India loses a record-extending 15th successive toss

GETTY IMAGES

India lost a 15th consecutive toss in international cricket at The Oval on Thursday and extended its dubious record. The last time the Indians won a toss was in January, under Suryakumar Yadav, during a T20I against England at Rajkot. India's bad luck with the coin includes two T20Is, eight ODIs and five Tests.

BIG LEAD

Conway, Mitchell put New Zealand in firm control in Bulawayo Test

X@BLACKCAPS

Devon Conway (88), *right, in pic,* and Daryl Mitchell (80) took New Zealand to 307 in its first innings — a lead of 158 — on the second day of the first Test against Zimbabwe at Bulawayo on Thursday. **The scores:** Zimbabwe 149 & 31/2 in 13 overs vs. New Zealand 307 in 96.1 overs (Conway 88, Mitchell 80, Young 41).

Karun revives India on a rain-curtailed opening day

The Indian batters find the going tough on a green top; Atkinson impresses in his comeback Test; Woakes goes off the field after suffering a shoulder injury; the visitors make four changes

INDIA IN ENGLAND

Fighting back: Karun held the Indian innings together after Gill was run out while going for a non-existent single. PTI & GETTY IMAGES

Shayan Acharya
LONDON

Dark grey skies, a green top, some steady spells of rain and a battle between the bat and the ball – for the first time in five weeks, both the weather and cricket felt like English.

In the series-deciding final Test at The Oval, India was inserted in after it lost its fifth toss in the series – 15th in a men's international this year. Making the most of the conditions, Josh Tongue and Gus Atkinson claimed two wickets apiece before Karun Nair's unbeaten 52 (98b, 7x4) guided India to 204 for six on Thursday.

Karun was among the four changes that India made, and the decision to play him at No. 5 paid off as he built effective partnerships with Dhruv Jurel and Washington Sundar after the visitors lost two wickets in the post-tea session.

Playing every ball on its merit, Karun dealt in singles while occasionally hitting the boundary to put the pressure back on the England bowling unit, which suffered a blow at the fag end as Chris Woakes hurt his shoulder and left the field.

While Karun fought hard in the final session, it was B. Sai Sudharsan, who guided India out of the woods after it was placed at 38 for two – having lost openers Yashasvi Jaiswal and K.L. Rahul.

At No. 3, Sai Sudharsan dug in along with captain Shubman Gill as India crawled back before rain forced an early lunch. Coming on the back of two contrasting innings in the previous outing in Manchester, where he scored 61 followed by a duck, the left-hander showed technique against the moving ball. He remained composed before sending a few over-pitched deliveries for fours through the slip cordon.

Gill, on the other hand, approached his innings aggressively as he hit three boundaries in the first session. On the way, the Indian captain surpassed West Indies great Garry Sobers (722) to register the record for most runs by a visiting skipper in a Test series in England.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA — 1ST INNINGS
Yashasvi Jaiswal lbw b Atkinson 2 (*9b*), K.L. Rahul b Woakes 14 (*40b, 1x4*), B. Sai Sudharsan c Smith b Tongue 38 (*108b, 6x4*), Shubman Gill run out 21 (*35b, 4x4*), Karun Nair (batting) 52 (*98b, 7x4*), Ravindra Jadeja c Smith b Tongue 9 (*13b, 1x4*), Dhruv Jurel c Brook b Atkinson 19 (*40b, 2x4*), Washington Sundar (batting) 19 (*45b, 2x4*).
Extras (b-4, lb-6, nb-4, w-16): 30.
Total (for six wkts. in 64 overs): 204.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-10 (Jaiswal, 3.1 overs), 2-38 (Rahul, 15.1), 3-83 (Gill, 27.2), 4-101 (Sai Sudharsan, 35.4), 5-123 (Jadeja, 39.3), 6-153 (Dhruv Jurel, 49.3).

ENGLAND BOWLING
Woakes 14-1-46-1, Atkinson 19-7-31-2, Tongue 13-3-47-2, Overton 16-0-66-0, Bethell 2-1-4-0.
Toss: England.

However, in the six overs that could be played in the post-lunch session, before rain interrupted again, India lost the momentum as Gill was run out for his first score past 20 and under 100 since reaching England. It was an unnecessary call, which hurt India.

Tongue found the breakthrough as Sai Sudharsan was caught behind. Soon, the fast bowler removed Ravindra Jadeja as well. However, Jurel showed intent before playing a loose shot outside the off stump off Atkinson and was caught at second slip.

Jaiswal falls early

Earlier in the day, Jaiswal lasted just nine deliveries before he was trapped in the front by Atkinson, who was bowling from around the wicket. Atkinson, who returned to the side after two months, was certain about the dismissal, though the on-field decision was not out.

As stand-in captain Ollie Pope reviewed, the decision went in England's favour.

Woakes castled Rahul with a hard-length ball that jagged back in and did not offer any room to cut.

However, as Karun held fort, India ended the day in a much better position.

'Would have loved to see Kuldeep play at least three Tests in England'

Y. B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

Quality spinner: Ganguly says Kuldeep is someone India will have to look at playing in the future. PTI

Former captain Sourav Ganguly said he would have loved to see left-arm wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav in India's playing XI in at least three Test matches of the ongoing series in England.

"I wish Kuldeep had played in Manchester, Lord's and even in Birmingham. Without quality spin, you will find it hard to get teams out on day five of a Test.

"On a pitch which had a bit of rough and there was a bit of turn, there wasn't a quality spinner," Ganguly, who used match-winning spinners well during his captaincy days, told reporters at Bisk Farm's 25 years celebrations here on Thursday.

"In the past, great sides have had great spinners – whether it's (Shane) Warne, (Muttiah) Murali (tharan), (Gramme) Swann, (Monty) Panesar, (Anil) Kumble, Harbhajan (Singh) or (R.) Ashwin. Kuldeep is someone whom India will have to look at playing in the future."

While backing young pacer Anshul Kamboj to play a few more Tests, Ganguly said, "I was surprised not to see Mukesh Kumar in the national squad, especially with the red ball. His numbers in domestic cricket are phenomenal and these conditions would have been ideal for him to bowl."

Drawing comparison with his playing days, when India used to have a star-studded batting line-up, Ganguly appreciated the Indian batters' performance in England.

"We toured England in 2002 and 2007. From the opening to No. 6, everyone scored well. After a long time, I saw an Indian batting line-up in which everyone, right from the top-, middle- and lower middle-order, has scored hundreds."

Ganguly had some good words for captain Shubman Gill.

"Shubman has been outstanding. If you give responsibility, you will get people who can deliver. Young Shubman, first hundred outside India (sub-continent), is batting superbly," said Ganguly.

Cashing in: Colaco, left, celebrates after scoring the penalty for Bagan's third. DEBASISH BHADURI

Colaco nets a brace in Bagan's easy win

DURAND CUP

Amitabha Das Sharma
KOLKATA

A 10-man Mohun Bagan Super Giant downed City rival Mohammedan Sporting 3-1 in a Group-B match to start its campaign in the 134th Durand Cup on a winning note on Thursday.

Needing a win to survive in the tournament, Sporting struggled against an efficient Bagan, which took the lead in the 23rd minute when Liston Colaco scored from a free-kick.

A red card to its midfield mainstay Apuia in the 43rd minute put the ISL champion on the back foot and Sporting utilised the numerical advantage as Ashley Koli found the equaliser in the 50th minute.

Bagan restored the lead in the 63rd minute through Suhail Bhat before Colaco converted a penalty in the final minute of added time to complete a facile win.

The results: Group-B (Kolkata): Mohun Bagan Super Giant 3 (Liston Colaco 23, 90+6-pen, Suhail Bhat 63) bt Mohd. Sporting 1 (Ashley Koli 50). **Group-D (Kokrajhar):** Bodoland FC 2 (Gayary 37, Robinson 60) bt Karbi Anglong MS 1 (Olaleye 25).

Wasn't under any kind of pressure in World Cup final, says Divya

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Prized possession: Divya hopes women's chess will take off in a big way in India following her success. PTI

Grandmaster Divya Deshmukh has said she was not under any kind of pressure while playing the FIDE Women's World Cup final against compatriot Koneru Humpy as she had "nothing to lose."

Divya arrived here on Wednesday from Batumi, Georgia to a reception befitting a world champion, with the young achiever overwhelmed by the affection shown by the the people at the airport.

The 19-year-old overcame the 38-year-old Humpy, a two-time World Rapid champion, in the time-controlled tie-break after the two classical rounds ended in draws. This was Divya's biggest success in her career and came after Humpy blundered in the second tie-breaker under time pressure.

"I never thought I was in any danger. I guess that the last blunder which she (Humpy) made, handed me the win," Divya said, when asked if she was under pressure in the final.

"Since I had no results in my hand, so I was just trying to focus on my performance and wasn't thinking about anything else," said Divya, who entered the event as an underdog aiming to win a Grandmaster norm and ended up becoming a GM.

Divya not just won the tournament and earned the GM title, she also secured a spot in next year's Candidates and became richer by $50,000.

Divya is hoping women's chess will take off in a big way in India following her success.

"I am hoping that women will take up the sport in a big way after this success, especially youngsters, and they start dreaming that nothing is impossible.

"I don't have a message for the young generation but for their parents and that is they should wholeheartedly support their children because they need them more during their failures, not so much in success," she added.

INBRIEF

Arun excited about bowling coach role at Super Giants

Former India bowling coach B. Arun has joined IPL side Lucknow Super Giants as its bowling coach. "What excites me most is the vision for long-term development... LSG has invested in a young, talented, and dynamic group of Indian fast bowlers – Akash Deep, Avesh Khan, Mayank Yadav, Prince Yadav, Mohsin Khan, and Akash Singh – and I see immense potential in each of them," said Arun. "My mission is to help shape them into a cohesive, fearless, and tactically sharp pace unit that can challenge the best batting line-ups in the world."

Indian women in semifinals; men lose to USA in last four

India entered the women semifinals of the World junior team squash championships in Cairo on Thursday with a 2-0 win over Canada. However, Indian men lost to USA 0-2 in the semifinals.

The results: Men: Semifinals: USA bt India 2-0 (Alexander Dartnell bt Pr. Sandhesh 11-3, 11-2, 11-5; Jack Elriani bt Arihant KS 11-6, 11-4, 11-7).
Women: Quarterfinals: India bt Canada 2-0 (Anahat Singh bt Ma Spring 11-5, 11-2, 11-4; Anika Dubey bt Joelle Kim 9-11, 11-2, 11-3, 11-4).

India placed fifth in IC Rod Laver junior challenge

India lost the doubles and mixed doubles matches as it went down 3-4 to Mexico in the last league match of the IC Rod Laver Junior Challenge tennis tournament in Barcelona. While Spain emerged the champion, India was placed fifth ahead of South Africa in the six-team competition. Maaya Rajeshwaran's injury proved decisive in depleting the defending champion. India's Araadhya Kshitij won the best sportsmanship award.

The results: League: Mexico bt India 4-3 (Carlo Arena lost to Samarth Sahita 4-6, 2-6; Valentino Arjona lost to Araadhya Kshitij 1-6, 4-6; Hanne Estrada bt Saanvi Misra 6-1, 6-1; Abril Cardenas lost to Rishitha Basireddy 6-7(4), 3-6; Carlo & Valentino bt Samarth & Araadhya 6-4, 6-4; Hanne & Abril bt Saanvi & Rishitha 6-4, 6-1; Valentino & Abril bt Araadhya & Rishitha 10-8).

PKL's 12th edition to be held across four cities

The 12th Pro Kabaddi League will be held across Visakhapatnam, Jaipur, Chennai and New Delhi from August 29. Telugu Titans will face Tamil Thalaivas and Bengaluru Bulls will take on Puneri Paltan on the opening day in Visakhapatnam, organisers said on Thursday. The second leg will be held in Jaipur from September 12 while Chennai will host the third leg from September 29. The fourth and final leg will be in New Delhi October 13. The schedule for play-offs will be announced later.

Verstappen to stay with Red Bull for 2026

Formula One champion Max Verstappen said he is staying with the Red Bull team for next year, ending months of speculation over his future. "For me, it's always been quite clear, and also for next year," the four-time champion said on Thursday ahead of the Hungarian Grand Prix. Verstappen has a contract with Red Bull Racing through 2028. In another development, Ferrari handed team principal Fred Vasseur a new contract in a sign of "trust in Fred's leadership" following speculation about his future, with the Italian team yet to win a Formula One race in 2025

Rachana claims 43kg gold at World under-17 wrestling

Rachana defeated China's Xin Huang 3-0 in the final to win the women's 43kg gold medal at the World under-17 wrestling championships in Athens on Thursday. Yashita (61kg) set up a title clash with USA's Tiana Rose Fernandez. Komal Verma (49kg) claimed a bronze medal.

LIVE TELECAST

Zimbabwe vs NZ: 1st Test, day 3, FanCode, 1.30 p.m.
England vs India: 5th Test, day 2, Sony Sports Ten 1 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 3.30 p.m.
Football: Durand Cup, Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 4 & 7 p.m.
Tennis: ATP Masters, Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 8.30 p.m.

Tharun ousts top seed Lee, enters the quarterfinals

Lakshya also makes it to the last eight at the Macau Open; Rakhsitha goes down fighting to Ongbamrungphan; Satwik-Chirag stay on course; other Indian doubles pairs suffer reverses

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MACAU

India's M. Tharun shocked top seed Lee Cheuk Yiu of Hong Kong to enter the quarterfinals of the Macau Open along with compatriot Lakshya Sen here on Thursday.

Tharun rallied splendidly to outwit World No. 15 Lee 19-21, 21-14, 22-20 in a match that went past the hour-mark. In the quarterfinals, Tharun will face World No. 87 Hu Zhe An of China. Later, Commonwealth Games champion Lakshya fought past Chico Aura Dwi Wardoyo of Indonesia 21-14, 14-21, 21-17 to enter the last-eight stage.

However, Ayush Shetty was ousted after a 18-21, 16-21 loss to Malaysia's Justin Hoh.

In women's singles, Rakshitha Ramraj went down to second seed Busanan Ongbamrungphan of Thailand 21-14, 10-21, 11-21 in a match that lasted 51 minutes.

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, seeded second, dug dig deep to get the better of Japan's Kakeru Kumagai and Hiroki Nishi 10-21, 22-20, 21-16 in just over an hour.

However, it was end of the road for Pruthvi Roy and K. Sai Pratheek as they lost to fourth-seeded Junaidi Arif and Roy King Yap of Malaysia 18-21, 18-21.

In mixed doubles, the fifth-seeded duo of Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crasto lost to Malaysia's Jimmy Wong and Lai Pei Jing 21-19, 13-21, 18-21, while in women's doubles, Eighth-seeded Meilysa Puspitasari and Rachel Rose of Indonesia ended the campaign of Priya Konjengbam and Shruti Mishra 21-14, 21-12.

Great comeback: Tharun rallied from a game down to end Lee's campaign in a match that lasted an hour. FILE PHOTO: RITU RAJ KONWAR

The results
(pre-quarterfinals): Men: M. Tharun bt Lee Cheuk Yiu (HK) 19-21, 21-14, 22-20; Lakshya Sen bt Chico Aura Dwi Wardoyo (Ina) 21-14, 14-21, 21-17; Justin Hoh (Mas) bt Ayush Shetty 21-18, 21-16.
Doubles: Satwiksairaj Rankireddy & Chirag Shetty bt Kakeru Kumagai & Hiroki Nishi (Jpn) 10-21, 22-20, 21-16; Junaidi Arif & Roy King Yap (Mas) bt Pruthvi Roy & K. Sai Pratheek 21-18, 21-18.
Women: Busanan Ongbamrungphan (Tha) bt Rakshitha Ramraj 14-21, 21-10, 21-11.
Doubles: Meilysa Puspitasari & Rachel Rose (Ina) bt Priya Konjengbam & Shruti Mishra 21-14, 21-12.
Mixed doubles: Jimmy Wong & Lai Pei Jing (Mas) bt Dhruv Kapila & Tanisha Crast 19-21, 21-13, 21-18.

HCA president, secretary and treasurer suspended

CRICKET

An emergency meeting was convened by the State cricket association to take the decision
The three office-bearers have been pulled up following charges of fraud, cheating and misappropriation of funds

Sports Bureau
HYDERABAD

The Apex Council of the Hyderabad Cricket Association, following an emergency meeting, announced on Thursday that president A. Jagan Mohan Rao has been suspended with immediate effect.

Along with him, R. Devraj (secretary) and C.J. Srinivas Rao (treasurer) have also been suspended as per Rules 41(6) and 15(4)(d) of the HCA's Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations (2018) following charges of fraud, cheating and misappropriation of funds.

Earlier this month, the Crime Investigation Department arrested five people, including Jagan Mohan, Srinivas and CEO Suneel Kante, and a case was registered against them under Sections 465 (punishment for forgery), 468 (forgery for the purpose of cheating), 471 (using as genuine a forged document or electronic record), 403 (dishonest misappropriation of property), 409 (criminal breach of trust by public servant, or by banker, merchant or agent), 420 (cheating) read with 34 (common intention) of the Indian Penal Code.

World Athletics introduces gene test for female category eligibility from Sept.

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

Track and field athletes aiming to take part in the female category in elite competitions will have to take a gene test from September, World Athletics has announced.

The test is placed in time for the World Championships scheduled to take place in Tokyo from September 13 to 21.

"It is really important for a sport that is trying to attract more women to enter believing there is no biological glass ceiling," said World Athletics president Sebastian Coe.

If the athlete tests negative for the Y chromosome they are eligible to compete in the female category in world ranking competitions.

If it is positive, they can only compete in the female category in non-world ranking competitions or in another category other than the female one.

World Athletics says the test is "extremely accurate".

Transgender women who have gone through male puberty are currently banned by World Athletics from competing in women's events, while the federation requires female DSD athletes whose bodies produce high testosterone levels to take medication to lower them in order to be eligible.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

FUCC (1) has it easy
FUCC (1) defeated Chintamani SA by 76 runs in the KSCA T20 G. Kasturirangan Memorial trophy here.
The scores: FUCC (1) 199/1 in 20 overs (B.U. Shivakumar 92, Rohan Revankar 92 n.o.) bt Chintamani SA 123 in 18 overs (I.G. Anil 3/12).
Yankees CC 98/7 in 18 overs lost to Vultures CC 99/4 in 14.4 overs (Srujan Nandan 35) (Overs reduced due to wet outfield).
Wilson Garden CC 153/6 in 20 overs (Sharana Basava 100 n.o., S. Chiranth 3/22) bt Minerva CC 73/6 in 10 overs (by 25 runs by VJD method).
Vijaya CC 198/6 in 20 overs (P. Dhruv 39, Samit Dravid 61, Mahesh Kumar 3/46) bt Visweswarapuram CC (2) 135/7 in 20 overs (Ansh Aima 33, Madhava Dharwadkar 58).
Swastic Union (2) 195/9 in 19 overs (Vijaya Raj 61, Mohammed Taha 57, Sahil Sharma 4/24) bt Jayanagar Cricketers 101 in 14.4 overs (Nathan D' Mello 6/15) (Overs reduced due to wet outfield).
Jolly Cricketers 162/6 in 20 overs (S. Darshan 35, J.H. Samrudh 40, Aryan 47) bt Cavaliers CC 157/8 in 20 overs (Kaushik Nair 33, Suryansh Das 31).
Engrades CC 149/8 in 20 overs (Hemanth Patil 25, B. Shashank 44, Clement Rajmohan 3/26) bt Jawans CC 119 in 16.4 overs (S.U. Karthik 42, Kushal Gouda 3/31).
Jayanagar United Cricketers 128/8 in 20 overs (P. Venkatesh 33, Mohammed Arshan 3/15) lost to City Gymkhana 132/3 in 19.3 overs (Siddhanth Smaran 56 n.o., Aarya Muddu 32 n.o.).
Jawahar SC (2) 154/6 in 20 overs (M.P. Samarth 83) bt Modern CC 118 in 19.3 overs (Krishav Somasundar 36, Kishan Kumar 3/10, Ronak Yelwal 3/21).

Kickstart posts big win
Kickstart FC Karnataka whipped Bengaluru FC 7-1 in the KSFA Karnataka Women's League football tournament here.
The results: Pass FC 1 (Varshita 69) drew with Roots FC 1 (Aanya Mody 30); Pink Panther FC 4 (S. Smeeta 8, Simran Gurung 24, 41, 66) bt Legends de Sporting FC 1 (Khusi 44); Kickstart FC Karnataka 7 (Aarushi Santhosh 5, 13, 45, Mariyammal Balamurugan 7, Kajol D'Souza 10, Kiran Pisda 60, Laishram Bibicha Devi 81) bt Bengaluru FC 1 (Palak 28).

All set for Rolon Round to zoom off

MOTORSPORTS

Sports Bureau
COIMBATORE

The three-day Rolon Round of the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship 2025 will be held at the Kari Motor Speedway from Friday.

There will be a total of 20 races across 11 categories with 152 entrants.

Headlining the card is the double-header in the premium Pro-Stock 301-400cc class.

Pune's 18-year-old Sarthak Chavan (Petronas TVS Racing) and Hyderabad's Rahil Pillarisetty (RACR Castrol Power1) have won a race apiece.

The pair will have to reckon with fierce competition from the Petronas TVS Racing duo of Chiranth Vishwanath (Bengaluru) and Alwin Sundar (Chennai).

Also in the fray is another Chennai rider, 45-year-old multiple National champion Rajini Krishnan (RACR Castrol Power1).

The other categories include the Pro-Stock 165-300cc class and the Super Stock 165cc Intermediate class introduced this season.

Miracle Star lives up to the billing in Bangalore Summer Million

BENGALURU: S. Padmanabhan-trained Miracle Star (Neeraj up) won the Bangalore Summer Million (1,600m), the feature event of the races held here on Thursday (July 31).The winner is owned by Radiant Blood Stock Pvt Ltd rep. by Mrs. Sharmila Padmanabhan and Mr. S. Padmanabhan. Jockey Antony won four races on the day.
1. OWN OPINION PLATE (DIV. II), (1,400M): UNFORGETTABLE STAR (Suraj) 1, Goddess Of War (Trevor) 2, Lots Of Luck (Sai Kiran) 3 and Laamika (G. Vivek) 4. 1-1/4, 1-3/4 and 1-1/2. 1m, 25.76s. ₹35 (w), 13, 11 and 54 (p), SHP: 34, THP: 137, FP: 77, Q: 23, Trinella: 1,036/862, Exacta: 3,623/1,663. Favourite: Goddess Of War. Owners: Villoo Poonawalla Racing & Breeding Pvt Ltd rep. by Dr. Cyrus S. Poonawalla & Mr. Adar C. Poonawalla. Trainer: Rajesh Narredu.
2. SHA TIN PLATE (1,400M): MEGA SUCCESS (Antony) 1, Chinky Pinky (Aleemuddin) 2, Absolute Katrina (J. Chinoy) 3 and Emeraldo (R. Pradeep) 4. Not run: Rising Form. Shd, 2-1/4 and 2-1/2. 1m, 27.81s. ₹27 (w), 13, 20 and 19 (p), SHP: 57, THP: 47, FP: 142, Q: 128, Trinella: 926/414, Exacta: 10,236/8,773. Favourite: N R I Jetpower. Owner and trainer: Mr. S. Inayathulla.
3. OWN OPINION PLATE (DIV. I), (1,400M): XANTHE (Trevor) 1, Skagen (G. Vivek) 2, Darrington (Arvind K) 3 and Konkrah (Sandesh) 4. 1-1/4, 2-1/4 and 1/2. 1m, 25.35s. ₹19 (w), 11, 15 and 13 (p), SHP: 39, THP: 38, FP: 88, Q: 57, Trinella: 135/55, Exacta: 312/140. Favourite: Xanthe. Owner: Mr. C. Aryama Sundaram. Trainer: S. Attaollahi.
4. BARALOY PLATE (DIV. II), (1,400M): AMAZING STRIDE (Trevor) 1, Knotty Affair (G. Vivek) 2, Carter (Jagadeesh) 3 and Verrazzano (Neeraj) 4. Shd, Lnk and 1/2. 1m, 26.94s. ₹15 (w), 15, 14 and 38 (p), SHP: 36, THP: 76, FP: 72, Q: 67, Trinella: 868/413, Exacta: 3,028/973. Favourite: Amazing Stride. Owners: Mr. P.J. Vazifdar, Mrs. P.J. Vazifdar, Mr. M. Rishad, Mr. Kersi H. Vachha & Mr. S.R. Sanas'. Trainer: S. Padmanabhan.
5. HOLDING COURT PLATE (1,600M): WINFIELD (Antony) 1, Supreme Success (Vinod Shinde) 2, Ksepiman (G. Vivek) 3 and Final Call (Ramswarup) 4. 3/4, Shd and 1-1/4. 1m, 39.19s. ₹53 (w), 15, 38 and 14 (p), SHP: 147, THP: 37, FP: 1,498, Q: 748, Trinella: 3,230/1,277, Exacta: 6,744/2,890. Favourite: Glorious Strides. Owners: M/s. Arun Alagappan Racing LLP, Mr. Chandrakanth Kankaria & Mr. Haider Soomar. Trainer; Arjun Mangalorkar.
6. B.T.C. WORKFORCE CUP (1,600M): INSPIRE (Antony) 1, Lux Aeterna (Trevor) 2, Alamgir (Neeraj) 3 and Dubai Safari (G. Vivek) 4. Not run: Forest Fragrance and Gordon. 3/4, 1-1/4 and Hd. 1m, 39.42s. ₹18 (w), 10, 10 and 13 (p), SHP: 30, THP: 32, FP: 64, Q: 27, Trinella: 119/53, Exacta: 185/76. Favourite: Inspire. Owners: M/s. Arun Alagappan Racing LLP, Mr. Haider Soomar, Mr. Rajan Aggarwal & M/s. Rapar Galloping Stars LLP rep. by Mr. Rajendran. Trainer: Arjun Mangalorkar.
7. BANGALORE SUMMER MILLION (1,600M): MIRACLE STAR (Neeraj) 1, Sicyon (Sandesh) 2, El Rey (Trevor) 3 and Ashwa Kali Bhani (Suraj) 4. 1-1/2, 2-1/2 and 1. 1m, 37.91s. ₹15 (w), 10 and 18 (p), SHP: 27, THP: 33, FP: 25, Q: 22, Trinella: 73/62, Exacta: 106/28. Favourite: Miracle Star. Owners: Radiant Blood Stock Pvt Ltd rep. by Mrs. Sharmila Padmanabhan and Mr. S. Padmanabhan. Trainer: S. Padmanabhan.
8. BARALOY PLATE (DIV. I), (1,400M): FLIGHT OF FANCY (G. Vivek) 1, Perfect Attitude (Antony) 2, Exceed (J. Chinoy) 3 and Monterio (L.A. Rozario) 4. 2, 3/4 and 3-1/4. 1m, 25.42s. ₹18 (w), 10, 10 and 15 (p), SHP: 31, THP: 38, FP: 41, Q: 22, Trinella: 72/37, Exacta: 232/143. Favourite: Flight Of Fancy. Owners: Capt Jamshed J. Appoo, Mr. Kersi H. Vachha, Mr. Ashok Ranpise, Mr. S.R. Sanas, Sarainaga Racing Pvt Ltd & Mr. Darius R. Byramji. Trainer: Darius R. Byramji.
9. CONFUCIOUS PLATE (1,400M): VYASA (Antony) 1, Dynamic Force (J. Chinoy) 2, Super Marvella (C.A. Brisson) 3 and Stravinsky (Angad) 4. Shd, 3/4 and 2. 1m, 25.49s. ₹33 (w), 13, 51 and 28 (p), SHP: 177, THP: 93, FP: 1,264, Q: 729, Trinella: 16,053/2,948, Exacta: 69,641/29,846. Favourite: Zuri. Owner and trainer: Mr. Darius R. Byramji.
Jackpot: ₹742 (672 tkts.); Runner-up: 79 (2,700 tkts.).
Treble (i): 331 (20 tkts.); (ii): 150 (60 tkts.): (iii): 89 (198 tkts.).

It's Positano vs. Victor Hugo in the Governor's Cup

BENGALURU: Positano and Victor Hugo may fight out the finish of the Governor's Cup (2,400m), the chief event of the concluding day races to be held here on Friday (August 1).
There will be no false rails.

1 CHAMPIONSHIP TRAINER CUP (1,600m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 1-30 p.m.: 1. Andre' (1) Trevor 56, 2. Aphelion (2) Sai Kiran 56, 3. Cigar Galaxy (3) Arvind K 56, 4. Star Studded (5) Suraj 56, 5. Tolkien (6) Antony 56 and 6. Pristine Glory (4) Sandesh 54.5.
1. ANDRE'
2. PRISTINE GLORY

2 SAYONARA PLATE (1,600m), rated 00 to 25, 2-00: 1. Sea Diamond (5) Asirvatham 60.5, 2. Lorven's Glory (3) G. Praveen 59.5, 3. Pettes Love (1) Sai Kiran 59, 4. Wakizashi (4) B. Dharshan 59, 5. Channagide (7) C.A. Brisson 58.5, 6. Double Scotch (2) Antony 58, 7. Southernaristocrat (8) A. Hangal 56 and 8. Burning Arrow (6) Angad 54.
1. DOUBLE SCOTCH,
2. SEA DIAMOND,
3. CHANNAGIDE

3 RACING OFFICIALS CUP (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 6-y-o & over, 2-30: 1. Sundance Kid (10) R. Pradeep 62, 2. Double Vision (9) R. Robert 61.5, 3. Augusto (2) Arvind K 61, 4. Able One (3) Asirvatham 57.5, 5. Peridot (7) Antony 55.5, 6. Southern Dynasty (5) Abhishek Mhatre 54.5, 7. El Alamein (1) G. Vivek 54, 8. Chisox (4) G. Praveen 53.5, 9. Infinite Spirit (6) Akshay K 53 and 10. Flamingo Dream (8) Jagadeesh 52.5.
1. PERIDOT,
2. EL ALAMEIN,
3. AUGUSTO

4 CHAMPION JOCKEY CUP (DIV. I), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 3-00: 1. IL Volo (7) Ramswarup 62, 2. Thessalian (2) Darshan 61, 3. Amazing Attraction (10) A. Hangal 59, 4. Basilica (1) Trevor 59, 5. Bellavita (4) Srinath 59, 6. Carat Love (3) Neeraj 59, 7. Vayu (8) J. Chinoy 59, 8. Eclipse Pulse (9) G. Vivek 57.5, 9. Star Serenade (11) Darshan 57.5, 10. Golden Glory (5) Aleemuddin 56, 11. Anzac Parade (12) Abhishek Mhatre 54 and 12. Ilia (6) Antony 54.
1. THESSALIAN,
2. BELLAVITA,
3. ILIA

5 LEADING STUD CUP (1,400m), rated 80 & above, 3-30: 1. All Attractive (3) Abhishek Mhatre 63, 2. Shubankar (6) Srinath 58.5, 3. Global Influence (5) Aleemuddin 57.5, 4. Champions Way (2) Suraj 55.5, 5. Star Glory (7) A.A. Vikrant 54, 6. Kalamitsi (4) Trevor 52.5, 7. Mandarino (4) Arvind K 50 and 8. Never Give In (–) (–) 50.
1. CHAMPIONS WAY,
2. MANDARINO

6 GOVERNOR'S CUP (2,400m), 4-y-o & over, (Terms), 4-00: 1. Ramiel (5) Sandesh 60, 2. Positano (4) Trevor 57, 3. Queen Of Kings (3) Antony 54, 4. Mescalito (1) J. Chinoy 52.5, 5. Victor Hugo (2) G. Vivek 52.5 and 6. Rise And Reign (6) Neeraj 52.
1. POSITANO,
2. VICTOR HUGO

7 LEADING OWNER CUP (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 6-y-o & over, 4-40: 1. Macron (9) R. Pradeep 60.5, 2. Lady Invictus (11) Shreyas S 60, 3. Wellington (6) Trevor 60, 4. Aherne (1) Antony 58.5, 5. Golden Time (7) Koshi K 57, 6. Lauterbrunnen (10) Ramswarup 57, 7. Free To Play (8) Aleemuddin 55.5, 8. Bezawada Sultan (5) J. Chinoy 54.5, 9. The Strikingly (4) Sai Kiran 53, 10. Agera (3) G. Vivek 52.5 and 11. Dufy (2) Vinod Shinde 52.5.
1. WELLINGTON, 2. AGERA, 3. BEZAWADA SULTAN

8 CHAMPION JOCKEY CUP (DIV. II), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5-10: 1. Small Dreams (2) Akshay K 60, 2. Mehra (9) Srinath 58, 3. Habibti (1) Antony 57.5, 4. LG's Star (3) G. Vivek 57.5, 5. Multisided (8) R. Pradeep 57.5, 6. Days Date (5) Jagadeesh 55.5, 7. Divo (4) Vinod Shinde 55.5, 8. Best Of Us (10) M. Prabhakaran 54.5, 9. Higgs Boson (6) Angad 54.5, 10. Golden Beast (11) Koshi K 54, 11. Honest Desire (7) Aleemuddin 54 and 12. Raffles (12) L.A. Rozario 52.
1. HABIBTI,
2. MEHRA,
3. LG'S STAR
Day's best: **CHAMPIONS WAY**
Double: **ANDRE'-WELLINGTON**
Jkt: 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8; Tr (i): 3, 4 and 5; (ii): 6, 7 and 8.